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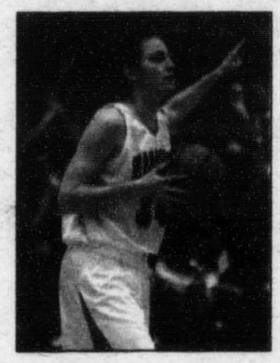
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High- 38°F
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Graphic Design Degree Program will be offered beginning fall of 2008

Responding to the desires of students and the needs of area employers, Mansfield University will begin offering a Bachelor of Science degree program in graphic design in the fall of 2008.

The new program received the approval of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Board of Governors on Thursday, Jan. 10.

"We're very excited that we are able to offer this new BS program in Graphic Design and proud that the Board of Governors would make this statement of confidence in the quality of Mansfield's programs," Provost Michael Renner said.

The MU program will prepare graduates for careers in the growing field of graphic design. Research has shown that there is significant demand for skilled graphic designers in the Northern Tier, an area of the Commonwealth that has been particularly impacted by the declining industrial base, and the Southern Tier of New York.

The program will be interdisciplinary in nature, combining coursework from several departments and disciplines, including art, broadcasting, journalism, business and computer science. It will include training in studio art, principles of design, computerized design and marketing and business.

Students will be able to focus on print-based design found in magazines and other publications or electronic design used in television, the Web and other motion-capable communications media.

"The new program will prepare students for a broad variety of careers, including web design, media design, print and television advertising, illustration, and other fields where there are great job opportunities and high demand," Renner said. "It's a good fit with a public liberal arts college, and adds a nice complement to the performing arts programs for which Mansfield is so well known."

The new program went through Mansfield's academic planning process, receiving a strong endorsement from the University Senate and the approval of the University's Council of Trustees.

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Seniors say farewell at fall commencement

Three hundred twelve students received degrees at Mansfield University's 143 Commencement on Saturday, December 15 in Decker Gymnasium.

Before presenting the graduates with their diplomas, President Maravene Loeschke told them, "This uncertain world needs you. Your passions, your vision and your commitment. Thank you from the faculty and staff of Mansfield for the privilege of serving you and for reminding us every day why it is so rewarding to be in higher education. Now go forward and serve."

Pennsylvania State Representative Matt Baker, whose 68 District encompasses all of Tioga County and western Bradford County, was the speaker. He encouraged the new graduates to never stop learning and to be a positive influence in the world.

"Use every moment to live life to its fullest by cultivating your intellect and reaching even higher," he said. "For in each of you there dwells a sleeping spirit that, when awakened, can influence and accomplish much good for others. The average person influences about 17,000 people in his or her lifetime. Make your influence count for good."

Baker concluded by saying, "I know that you will strive to make this a better world. And I know the education you have received here at Mansfield University has given you a priceless beginning on the road to success."

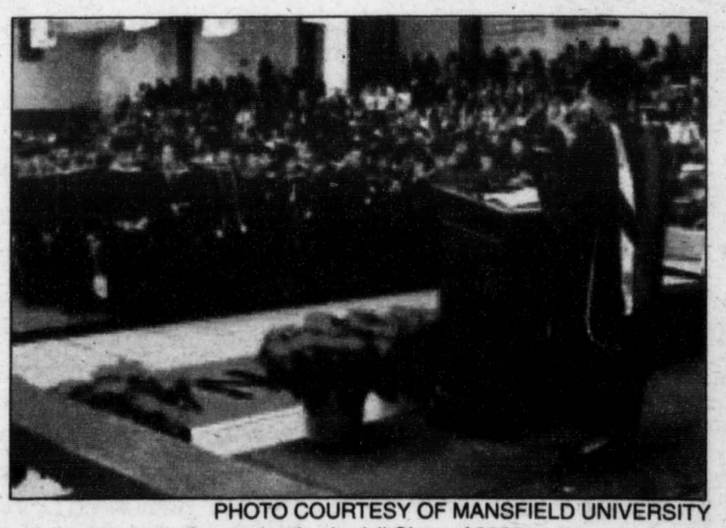


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President Maravene Loeschke leads the ovation for the fall Class of 2007.

Weekly Weather

TODAY

PM Snow Showers

High: 38 Low: 32

FRIDAY

Snow Shower

High: 33 Low: 23

SATURDAY

Snow Shower

High: 29 Low: 12

SUNDAY

Few Snow Showers/ Wind

High: 18 Low: 10

MONDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 27 Low: 20

TUESDAY

Few Snow Showers

High: 38 Low: 20

WEDNESDAY

AM Clouds/ PM Sun

High: 30 Low: 15

Information taken from www.weather.com

Info-To-Go

Campus Bulletin Board Mansfield University

~Mansfield University's annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration will be held on Thursday, January 17 at noon in Alumni Hall, Room 307. This year's theme will be "The Dream in the 21st Century: By the Content of Their Character." The celebration will include speeches by Campus Minister Reverend Deborah Casey and Azizur Molla, assistant professor of Social Work, Anthropology and Sociology. The event is free and open to the public. It is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs, the President's Advisory Board for Diversity and the Human Resources Department.

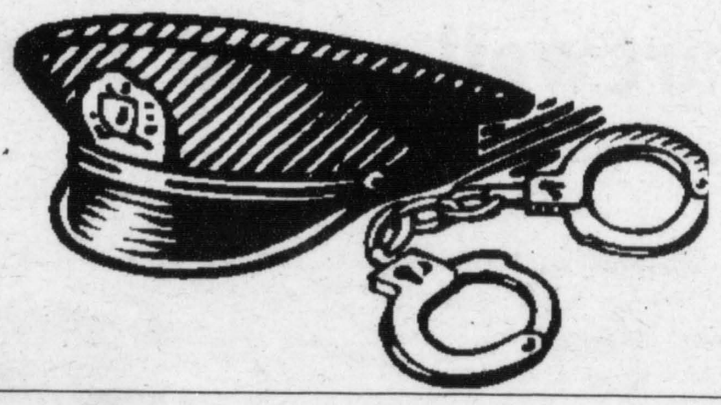
~Mountaineer Leadership Program information sessions will occur Jan. 17 @ 1 p.m. in Alumni Hall 317 and Jan. 23 @ 4 p.m. in Alumni Hall 312. If you can't attend these sessions you may call the Career

Center at 4133, for further information.

Police Beat

November 27, 2007 -

Matthew Gant, 20 was referred to Residence Life after repeatedly harrassing a victim through AOL Instant Messenger with obscene language and threatening behavior.



'GRAPHIC DESIGN'

"The timing is perfect," Renner added. "We're about to start construction on a new building that will house the Art and Communication programs that jointly designed this program. The new building will house the faculty, several art studios, and new state-of-the-art television and radio studios. All in all, it's a wonderful boost to our programs."

Construction of the new Allen Hall is scheduled to begin this summer.

For more information on the new graphic design program, contact the MU Admissions Department at (800) 577-6826 or admissns@mansfield.edu

Entertainment Corner

Top Digital Singles:

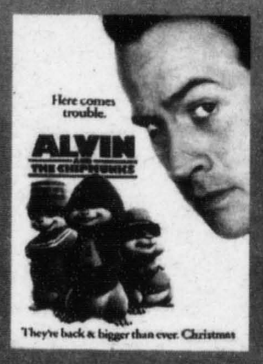
1.) **Flo Rida/T-Pain** - Low
2.) **Timbaland/OneRepublic** - Apologize
3.) **Sara Bareilles** - Love Song
4.) **Fergie** - Clumsy
5.) **Alicia Keys** - No One





Top Movies:

1.) **The Bucket List** - PG-13, Jack Nicholson
2.) **First Sunday**- PG-13, Ice Cube
3.) **Juno** - PG-13, Ellen Page
4.) **National Treasure2: Book of Secrets** - PG, Nicolas Cage
5.) **Alvin & the Chipmunks** - PG, Jason Lee





We were both pretty drunk and a little high. I tried to tell him to stop. And I tried to push him away. And I tried not to cry. . . The room was spinning, and then I was on the floor with him above me. My body felt numb, and I couldn't move under his weight. I felt nauseous, and I could hardly breathe with him on top of me. I felt so scared and so confused. Then he raped me. If you do not consent to sex and someone still has intercourse with you, its rape and it is a crime. No means no, **NO MATTER WHAT!** For more information contact HAVEN for free and confidential services (570) 724-3549 or 1-800-550-0447.

Kelchner intermurals and class schedule

Captain's meetings for intramural sports:

January 24th

Floor Hockey 8p.m.

Dodgeball 8:15p.m.

Basketball 8:30p.m.

Volleyball 8:45p.m.

A captain or team representative needs to attend the meeting. Rosters are available in the intramural office at Kelchner Fitness Center. If you don't have a team you can pick up a free agent form and will be assigned to a team.

Contact James Anderson Intramural Intern andersjr@mounties.mansfield.edu

Or Lauren Mirt Intramural Coordinator at mirtl@mounties.mansfield.edu **with any questions**

Floor Hockey will be played on Monday Nights

Dodgeball will be played on Tuesday Nights

Basketball will be played on Wednesday Nights

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning Classes	6:30-7:30a.m. Wake Up with Yoga with Amy				
Lunchtime Classes	12:05-12:45 Group Cycle with Justine	12:05-12:45 Pilates Plus with Colleen	12:05-12:45 Butts and Guts with Amy	12:05-12:45 Tone and Dance With Lauren	12:05-12:45 Lauren T. Beginner Group Personal Training
Afternoon Classes		1-2p.m. Hip Hop Cardio with Kelly	4-5p.m. Cycle and Tone with Belinda		
Afternoon/Evening Classes	4:30-5:45p.m. Yoga with Jeanne	4:30-5:30p.m. Dancercize with Carlyn	5-6p.m. Kickboxing Miriam	4:30-5:45p.m. Yoga with Jeanne	
Afternoon/Evening Classes	6:00-7:00 Step with Liss	5:30-6:30p.m. Lauren T. Gliding	6-7p.m. Boot Camp with Ashley	6:00-7:00p.m. Cardio with Liss	
Evening Classes		6:300-7:30p.m. Cycle and Crunch with Lauren M.	7:00-8:00p.m. Dancercize with Carlyn	7-8p.m. Cycle Fusion with Justine ½ Cycle ½ Mat Work	

Campus wide lock-down drill to occur Jan. 22

Mansfield University will test its emergency action plan with a lock- down drill on Tuesday, Jan. 22. The drill will include activation of the campus emergency notification plan and the securing of all university buildings.

Also, the improved university carillon system will be tested. Loudspeakers have been placed at strategic points on campus, allowing people who are outside to hear a broadcast message.

"Not only can people hear the new system on campus," Jim Welch, Environmental Health and Safety coordinator, said. "It can also be heard in town. We want people to be aware but not alarmed when they hear the test message on Jan. 22."

Welsh also said that the carillon system will be tested at least once in advance of the lock-down drill.

MU first tested its enhanced emergency action plan in August, before the start of the fall semester. This will be the first test of the system while classes are in session.

"The August drill was excellent but this should give us a better idea of how effective our action plan is," Mansfield President Maravene Loeschke said. "We are continuously working to upgrade our emergency procedures in order to make our campus community, and the community at large, safer. Our plan is to conduct a lock-down drill at the start of each semester."

In addition to the improved carillon system, test notifications will be sent by voicemail to every campus telephone, by email to all students, faculty and staff on their campus email account and by text message to the cell phones of students, faculty and staff who have subscribed to the emergency notification system.

There will also be an "Emergency Alert" message on the university website homepage (mansfield.edu), a message on the campus emergency phone line (570-662-4499), a message on the university in-house TV channel and a message will be sent to all computers logged on to the university system.

What to do in the event of a lock-down

Faculty - If in a classroom, lock the classroom door, turn off the classroom lights, stay away from windows and await the All-Clear notification.

Staff/Students - Get inside of a building as quickly as possible, seek shelter in an interior room, await further instructions or an All-Clear. If you are able to do so, assist in locking the exterior doors of the building. If you are in your residence hall go to your room and stay there until the All-Clear message has been sent.

If you are outside of a building when the emergency notification is received proceed to the nearest common building/ Of the building has been locked consider evacuating off campus to a public building/business.

If you are a commuter student arriving on campus, stay in your vehicle and consider leaving campus for a safe location. Contact the university for the All-Clear message.

All people have the right to live in a safe, non-violent environment. Through prevention and intervention services, HAVEN of Tioga County strives to reduce domestic and sexual violence. HAVEN offers services to all survivors of domestic and sexual violence regardless of gender, age, race, religion, sexual orientation, physical ability or income. For more information please call HAVEN at (570) 724-3549 or 1-800-550-0447. All services are free and confidential.

Santa's Gift Bag 2007 Report

According to Rev. Deb Casey and Courtney Hull who were in charge of Santa's Gift Bag, gifts were provided for 166 children, ranging in age from two months to 18 years.

The 166 children were from 69 families All of the children are students at a Mansfield school (Mansfield High, Miller Elementary, New Covenant Academy), a member of an area day care center or a sibling of one of the above.

Residence Halls raised money and were able to sponsor 10 children. Five UNV 1100 classes sponsored a total of nine children. Twenty student organizations sponsored one or more children. This is double the number of student organizations that we had last year. Nine individual students sponsored a total of 12 children. One sports team was a sponsor. It is estimated that a minimum of 800 MU students participated this year. This is four times what we estimated last year!

33 individual faculty and staff helped with many taking two or more kids. Three Departments helped by sponsoring 16 children. It is estimated that over 50 faculty and staff participated.

The community also helped out greatly. The Mansfield Chapter of Kiwanis and the Mansfield High School Key Club sponsored nine children. Wendy's sponsored a family. The Community Churches in Mansfield made and filled a stocking for each child. Partners in Progress supplies hats and mittens/gloves for each child. The Mansfield Volunteer Fire Association allowed use of the fire hall for several days and members also helped sort, distribute and deliver gifts to some of the families. Kiwanis members sponsored children, provided people and vehicles to help transport gifts to the fire hall AND provided helpers to sort and distribute the gifts. Donations were made from Wal-Mart, Gramma's Kitchen and The Laurel Doll Club.

Campus Events Calendar

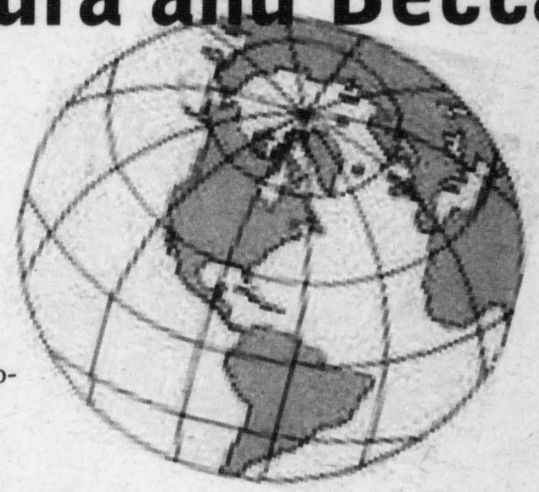
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Jan. 17 - 12 p.m. Martin Luther King Jr. noon hour program - 8 p.m. Toby Foyeh and Orchestra Africa, Straughn Auditorium - 1-2 p.m. Mountaineer Leadership info session	18 - 8 p.m. Casino Night, 307 Alumni Hall Student Center	19 - 3 p.m. Tim Deighton, guest viola recital	20	21 - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - No Classes	22 - Monday class schedule	23 - 4-5 p.m. Mountaineer Leadership info session
24 - 6 p.m. Solo Orchestra Competition	25	26	27 - 3 p.m. IUP Piano Trio - 7 p.m. Student quartet recital	28	29	30

What in the world? News in a flash by Laura and Becca



Smurfs Turn 50

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor



The Smurfs, a popular comic strip and cartoon celebrates their 50 anniversary this year.

The late cartoonist Pierre Culliford first introduced the well known blue characters in an October 1958 comic strip.

To celebrate the anniversary, plans include a 3-D animation feature film to be released next year, new comic book collections and a rerelease of the 1980s television animated series.

Culliford's widow and two children are kicking off a European tour in Brussels, Belgium. They will continue on to Paris and Berlin. They will also team up with UNICEF to promote children's rights and education.

The Smurfs first appeared in Culliford's 1958 "Johan and Pirlouit" cartoon and soon gained popularity. By 1960 they had their own comic strip. It was made into a cartoon in 1981.

2006 Baby 'Boomlet'

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

The United States is experiencing a baby boomlet, reporting the largest number of children born since 1961.

The 4.3 million births in 2006 were due to the growing population. Hispanics accounted for nearly one-quarter of the births, but other racial groups experienced a surge as well.

Global data shows that the United States has a higher fertility rate than every country in continental Europe. Fertility levels in those countries have been lower than the U.S. rate for several years, although some are on the rise.

Experts believe there is a mix of reasons: a decline in contraceptive use, a drop in abortion, poor education and poverty.

There are also cultural reasons as well to explain this boomlet. Hispanics have higher fertility rates - about 40 percent higher than the U.S. overall. And experts say Americans, view children more favorably than people in many other Westernized countries.

Demographers say it is too soon to know if the sudden increase in births is the beginning of a trend.

"We have to wait and see. For now, I would call it a noticeable blip," said Brady Hamilton, a statistician with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

MySpace adds measures to block sex offenders

By LAURA HALL
Flashlight News Co-Editor



GOOGLE IMAGES

MySpace, a social network Web site, agreed Monday to add several devices to help prevent sexual predator from misusing the site.

MySpace made the agreement with more than 45 states, including New Jersey, North Carolina, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Ohio and New York to add several protections and "develop new technologies, including a way to verify the ages of users," CNN.com said.

MySpace has agreed to :

- Allow parents to submit children's e-mail addresses to MySpace to prevent anyone from misusing the addresses to set up profiles
- Make the default setting "private" for 16- and 17-year-old users
- Respond within 72 hours to complaints about inappropriate content and devote more staff and resources to classify photographs and discussion groups
- Strengthen software to find underage users
- Create a high school section for users under 18 years old

UFO Spotted in Texas

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Dozens of people reported seeing a UFO flying over Stephenville, Texas, on Jan. 8th

Steve Allen, a freight company owner and pilot described the object as being a mile long and half a mile wide. "It was positively, absolutely nothing from these parts," Allen said.

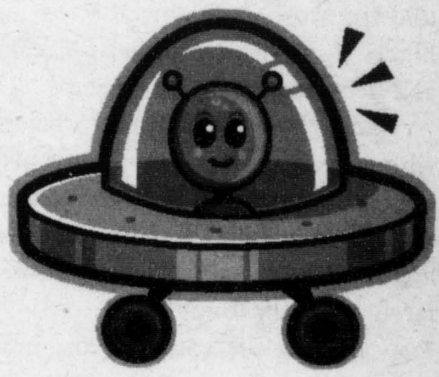
Machinist Ricky Sorrells said he has seen the object several times. He described it as a flat metallic object. He has watched it through his telescope. "It feels good to hear that other people saw something, because that means I'm not crazy," Sorrells said.

Major Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at the Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort Worth, said that no aircraft were reported in the area from his base.

Lewis said that the suns angle can cause an allusion to make the aircraft lights seem unusually bright. "I am ninety percent sure this was an airliner," Lewis said. "With the sun's angle, it can play tricks on you.

The regions two Air Force Bases in the area Abilene and Wichita Falls also said none of their aircraft were in the area at the time.

Locals who have seen the object agree that it was larger, quieter, faster and lower to the ground than an airplane.



horoscopes

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ARIES
March 21 - April 19

You're feeling that now is the time to snap your plans into action -- and you are dead right! Even if your plans seem half-baked (or if there are no plans,) you should be able to pull off almost anything.

TAURUS
April 20 - May 20

Now is not the time for impulse buying -- you need to be more careful with your money. If you can get a friend or loved one to ride shotgun with you as you shop, it should be much easier to restrain yourself.

GEMINI
May 21 - June 21

If you're facing a difficult situation, consult your friends and family -- there's some great advice just waiting for you. It may be that you need more time to sift through it all, but that shouldn't be a problem.

CANCER
June 22 - July 22

Intellectual pursuits of all kinds are perfect for you right now -- especially those involving quick response times. Your sharp wit and ability to confidently answer hard questions makes life sweet.

LEO
July 23 - August 22

New information comes to you from an unexpected source and it makes you a little curious about what more there is to learn. Check it out -- you've got plenty of good energy for investigation.

VIRGO
August 23 - September 22

Inspiration strikes in a flash and you suddenly realize what you've been trying to do all this time. Your new purpose should resonate with at least one close friend or family member, too.

LIBRA
September 23 - October 22

You are enmeshed in so many different relationships that sometimes it's easy to forget that they each exist individually. Today is perfect for focusing on those that mean the most to you.

SCORPIO
October 23 - November 21

You won't think twice about helping out when a friend or family member asks for assistance. It's a good time to devote yourself to altruistic pursuits -- you can get back to business soon.

SAGITTARIUS
November 22 - December 21

You're filled with good energy and should find it easy to push your agenda forward. It's a good time to take risks and show the world what you are made of -- there's no other way to succeed right now!

CAPRICORN
December 22 - January 19

You need to make a short-term choice between your family (or friends) and your career goals. It's not much fun for you, but it's important that you let all parties know that they are valued.

AQUARIUS
January 20 - February 18

It's a hot day for big ideas -- and you've got plenty of those! Share them far and wide and see if anyone bites. It's a sure bet that at least one important person will go for one of your plans, so keep talking.

PISCES
February 19 - March 20

Some new book or program -- or romantic attraction -- has totally hooked you and you may find it difficult to think about anything else. It's a good time for deep absorption, so go ahead and get lost in it.

The Book Nook:
To Kill a Mockingbird

By CARRIE GOODYEAR
Features Editor

Harper Lee wrote 'To Kill a Mockingbird' in 1960, a time when civil rights were on the minds of most Americans.

Today, 'To Kill a Mockingbird' is on many required reading lists for high schools around the nation. However, the book has been challenged by certain schools for the use of derogatory language toward African Americans.

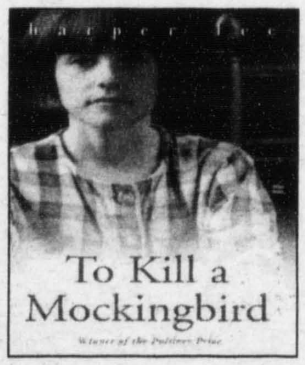


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To Kill a Mockingbird is a great American classic.

Lee's classic novel is set during the time of the Great Depression in Maycomb, Alabama. The story is told from the viewpoint of six- year-old Scout Finch. Finch lives with her older brother, Jem and her widower father, Atticus.

Scout and Jem befriend a boy named Dill who comes to Maycomb to visit his Aunt during the summer. All three children are fascinated by a neighbor, 'Boo' Radley. Radley never leaves his home and the residents of Maycomb rarely ever talk about him.

During the course of the novel, Atticus must defend a black man named Tom Robinson. Robinson is accused of raping a young white woman, Mayella Ewell.

Scout and Jem face ridicule because their father is defending a black man. They must endure taunting from children at school and whispers from passing adults.

During the course of the trial, Atticus proves beyond a doubt that Tom Robinson is an innocent man. But will the jury of all white males find him innocent?

To find out what happens to Tom Robinson, Atticus, Jem, Dill and Scout check out 'To Kill a Mockingbird' in the library.

With Martin Luther King Jr. Day right around the corner, 'To Kill a Mockingbird' would be the perfect read. One message that is consistent throughout the entire novel is not to judge other people unless you have walked in their shoes.

This day in history

Courtesy of history.com

On this day in 1950, 11 men stole more than $2 million from the Brinks Armored Car depot in Boston, Massachusetts. It was the perfect crime--almost--as the culprits weren't caught until January 1956, just days before the statute of limitations for the theft expired.

The robbery's mastermind was Anthony "Fats" Pino, a career criminal who recruited a group of 10 other men to stake out the depot for 18 months to figure out when it held the most money. Pino's men then managed to steal plans for the depot's alarm system, returning them before anyone noticed they were gone.

Bill of Rights for Survivors of Domestic Abuse

"I will not be blamed or shamed for having been a victim. I have the right to be happy. I have the right to be free of all forms of abuse. I have the right to feel my feelings. I have the right to take care of myself. I have the right to have my needs met. I have the right to make choices. I have the right to be loved in a healthy way. I have the right to live without fear. I have the right to express myself. I have the right to forgive myself for things in the past. I have the right to make a better life for myself." For information or help please call HAVEN at 570-724-3549 or 1-800-550-0447

Cloned animal meat may be coming to a plate near you

By BRITTANY SERAFINI
Flashlight Copy Editor

If the idea of cloning animals was ever unsettling, chances are this will unnerve you even more. Cloned cows and pigs may be coming to a hamburger and porkchop near you in the future. Cloned animal meat and by-products are as safe to eat as other animals bred "the old-fashioned way," the Food and Drug Administration said on Jan. 15.

This puts the FDA in agreement with the recent safety assessments from European food regulators and several other nations.

The FDA stressed in the 900-page report that clones are safe.

"The data show that healthy adult clones are virtually indistinguishable" from the counterparts, the report concluded.

However, because of high costs, it will be several years before cloned animals will be sold for meat. Clones cost much more than ordinary cows, pigs or goats, ranging from $10,000 to $20,000. This means producers will use meat from the clones' offspring to lower costs.

Not only is cost an issue, consumer anxiety about the technology has prompted several large food companies such as Dean Foods Inc. and Hormel Food Inc. to refuse selling meat or milk from cloned animals.

The Consumer Federation of America does not approve of the FDA ruling either.

"If you ask what's for dinner, it means just about anything you can cook up in a laboratory," Carol Tucker, foreman of the Consumer Federation, said.

Before the ruling, food producers voluntarily withheld using cloned animal products in the market, and it was not clear after the ruling if this would end immediately, or if producers would wait for more agencies to weigh in on the decision.

The decision was long-expected, coming from all the way back in 1997 when Dolly the sheep was cloned and since the initial safety assessment in 2003. Regardless of decision expectations, selling cloned meat was and remains highly controversial. Consumer advocates petitioned against the move, and Congress passed

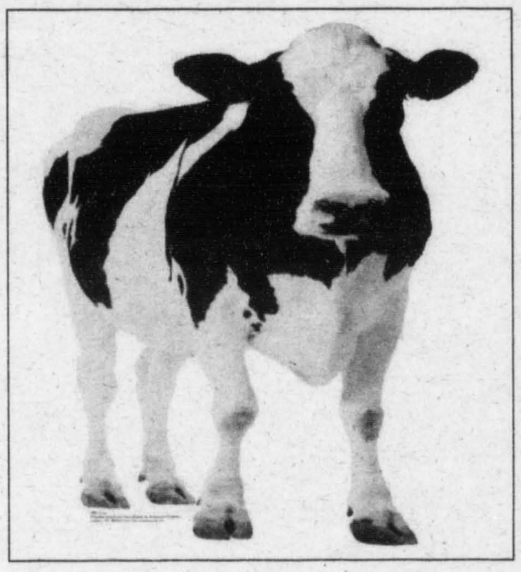


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The FDA has said that cloned animal meat is as safe as regular meat.

legislation which ordered the FDA to examine economic consequences before deciding.

According to its definition, a cloned animal should be identical to the original animal. Of course, cloning technology has not been perfected, allowing for fatal birth defects or deformed fetuses. Dolly the sheep was euthanized in 2003, well short of a sheep's normal lifespan, because of a lung disease.

The FDA briefly addressed this concern in the report.

"Currently, it is not possible to draw any conclusions regarding the longevity of livestock clones or possible long-term health consequences [for the animal]," the report said.

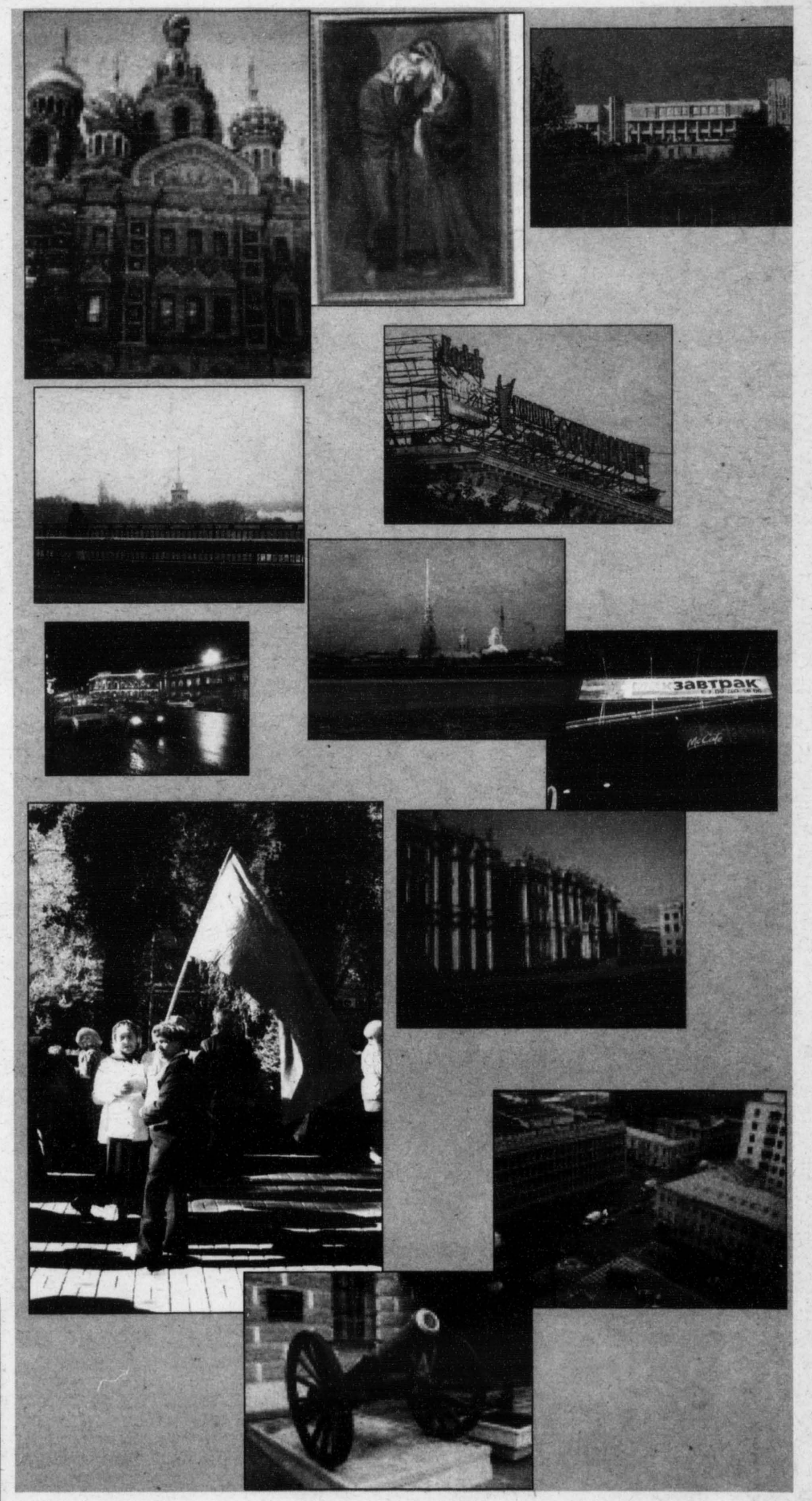
But the FDA concluded in the report that healthy, successfully cloned animals are no different from ordinary animals, and could reproduce normally as well.

Joseph Mendelson from the Center for Food Safety, a consumer advocacy group, fears that FDA report is too narrow.

"The FDA says, 'We assume all the unhealthy animals will be taken out of the food supply,'" Mendelson said. "They're only looking at the small slice of cloned animals that appear to be healthy…It needs a lot further study."

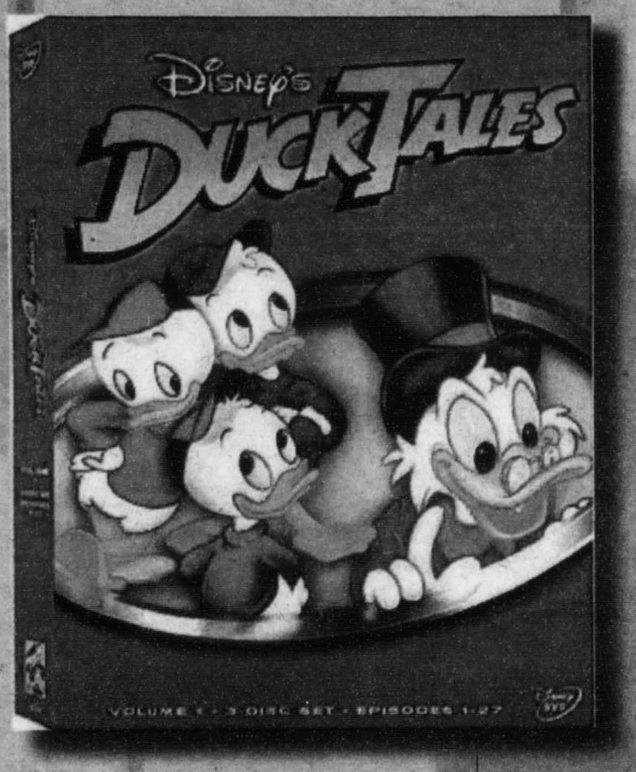
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A Mansfield student's view of Russia

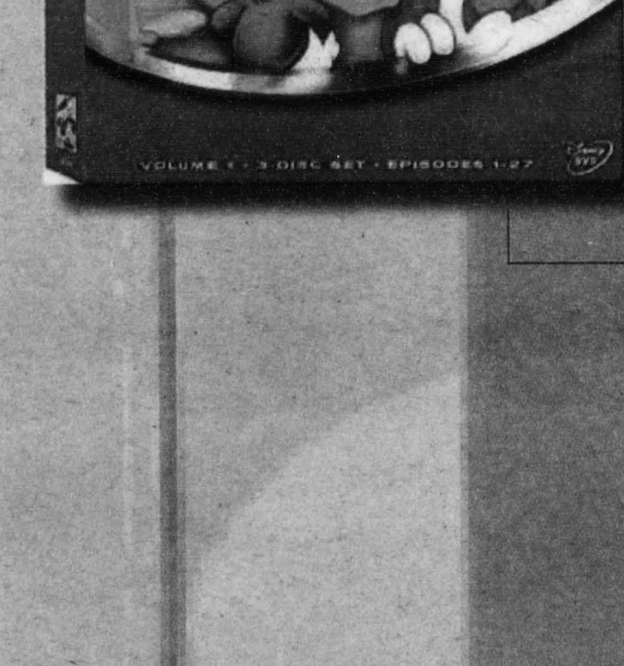


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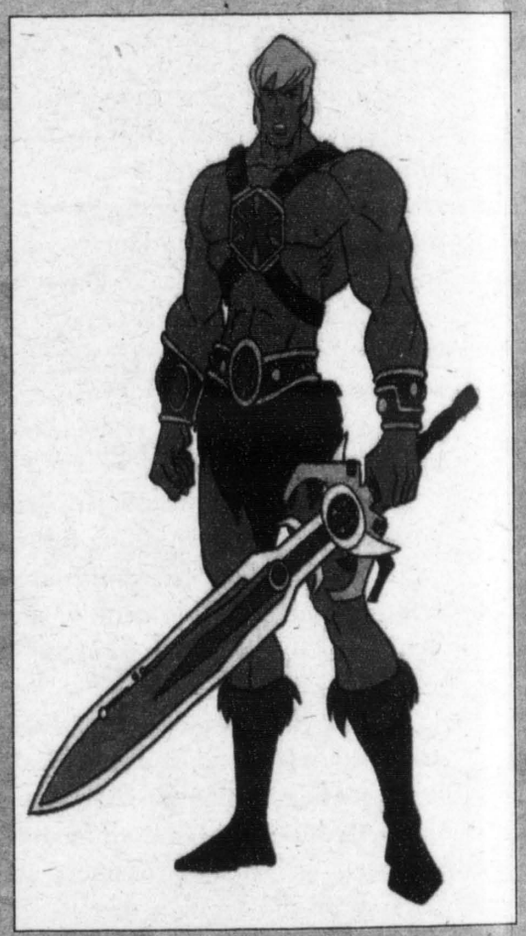
You may or may not remember a time when viewers could follow Huey, Dewey and Louie on crazy adventures. The boys were always trying to protect people from trying to steal uncle Scrooge McDuck's wealth.



Animaniacs had a large cast including Yakko, Wacko and Dot Warner. The three cartoon stars were locked away in the Warner Brothers water tower in Burbank California and eventually broke free. The show also starred the ever popular Pinky and the Brain.



He-Man and The Masters of the Universe



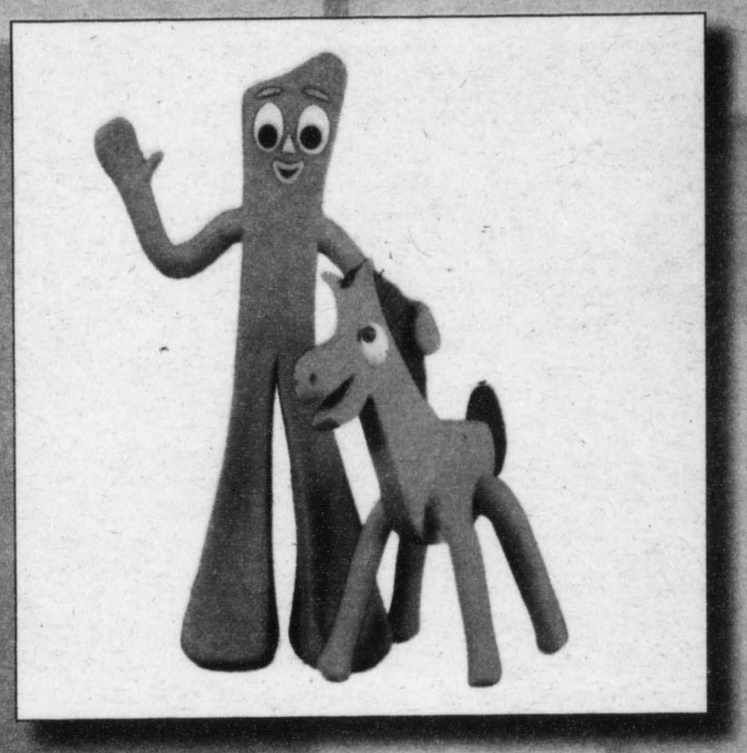
Children would tune in week after week to watch He-Man battle the evil villian Skeletor. He-Man was actually Prince Adam; the son of King Randor and Queen Marlena who rule the planet Eternia. He-Man makes several appearances on She-Ra

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She-Ra is the twin sister to He-Man. She-Ra's alter ego is that of Princess Adora. She-Ra debuted on an episode of He-Man where she was originally an evil character until it was discovered that she was kidnapped at birth.



She-Ra:
Princess of Power



Technically, Gumby isn't a cartoon, however he was brought to life on the television screen using a form of clay animation. Gumby debuted in 1955 and ran for 35 years. The show featured Gumby and his friend, Pokey. Gumby's rivals were the blockheads.

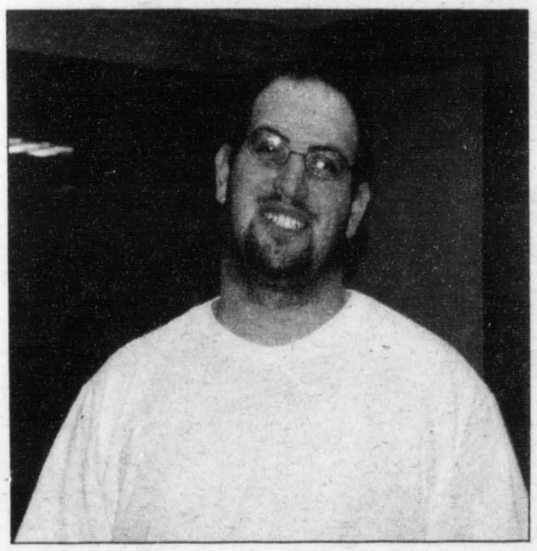
The Adventures of Sonic the Hedgehog was made using Sonic from the famous Sega games. The show followed Sonic and his sidekick Miles 'Tails' Prower in the fight against the evil Dr. Robotnik. All of the action of fighting Dr. Robotnik's evil robots took place on the planet Mobius.



Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

Take advantage of opportunites





Left to Right- Danelle Miller, Isaac Pragle, Nicole Hagan, Carrie Goodyear, Laura Hall, Eric Bohannon and Rebecca Hazen

I first want to welcome everybody back to Mansfield. To the students who are new to Mansfield I hope you enjoy your experience.

The Flashlight has changed around a little bit this semester. After a year and a half as editor in chief, Kara has retired. She did a great job for us and we will miss her. I will try and improve on what she started and keep the Flashlight a good source of news to the students.

Danelle and Nicole have taken over the sports section and Rebecca and Laura have been handed the news section.

Carrie is moving over from news to features and Lengel is now are photography editor.

I'm very excited with the staff that we have and I am excited for this semester.

Also returning to our staff this semester is Isaac. Isaac spent last semester studying in Russia and it is great to have him back.

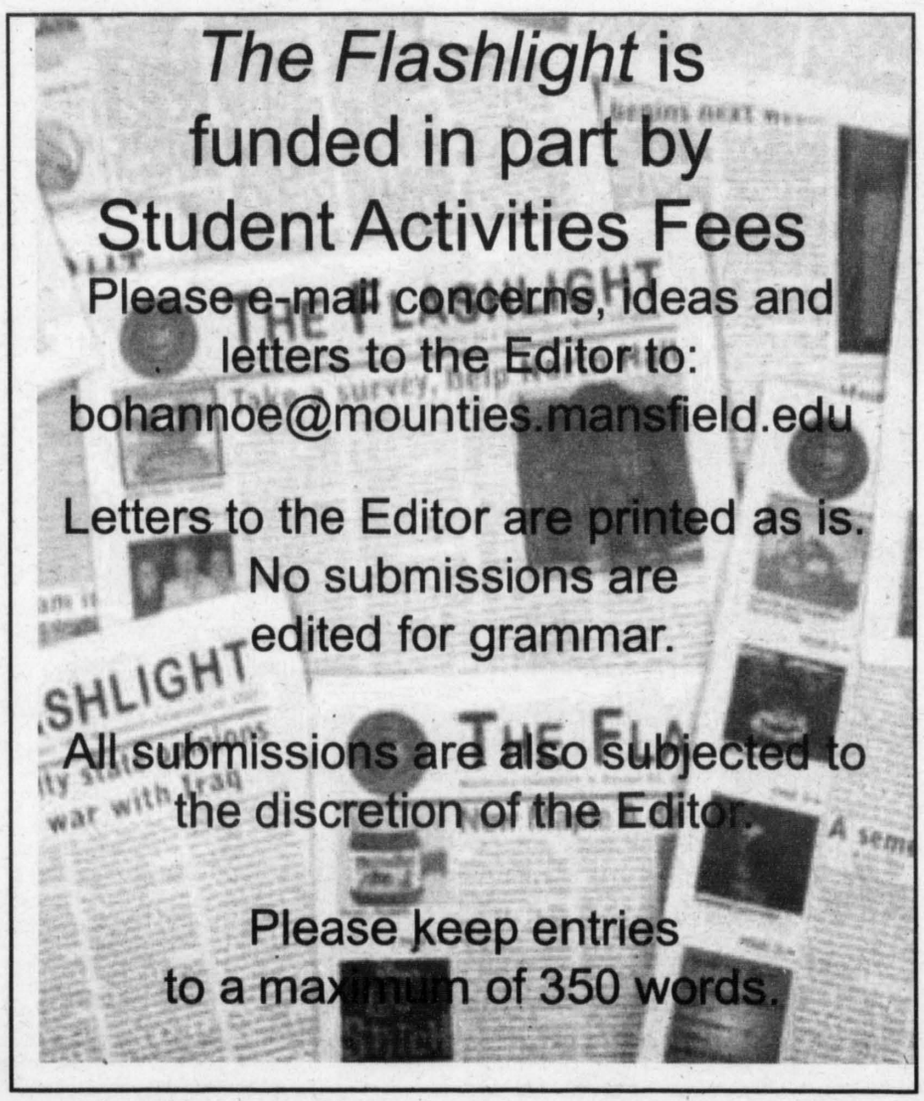
Isaac is a perfect example of someone who took advantage of an opportunity that was given to him. There are not many times when an opportunity to travel to another country and experience a different culture come around.

My point is that while in college we should take advantage of opportunities. Sometimes there will only be one time to do something and once that chance is gone it's gone forever.

I wanted to introduce the staff of the flashlight this semester because they all took advantage of an opportunity that was given to them. Danelle switched to being a sports editor this semester and this will help her when she goes and looks for a job when she graduates.

Another example is Carrie. Carrie is now the features editor after being a news editor last semester. She was a little bit nervous about being the features editor but she took the position and she will do a great job with the position.

At some point in college there will come a time to take advantage of an opportunity. When given that chance you might as well take it because you never know when it will disappear.



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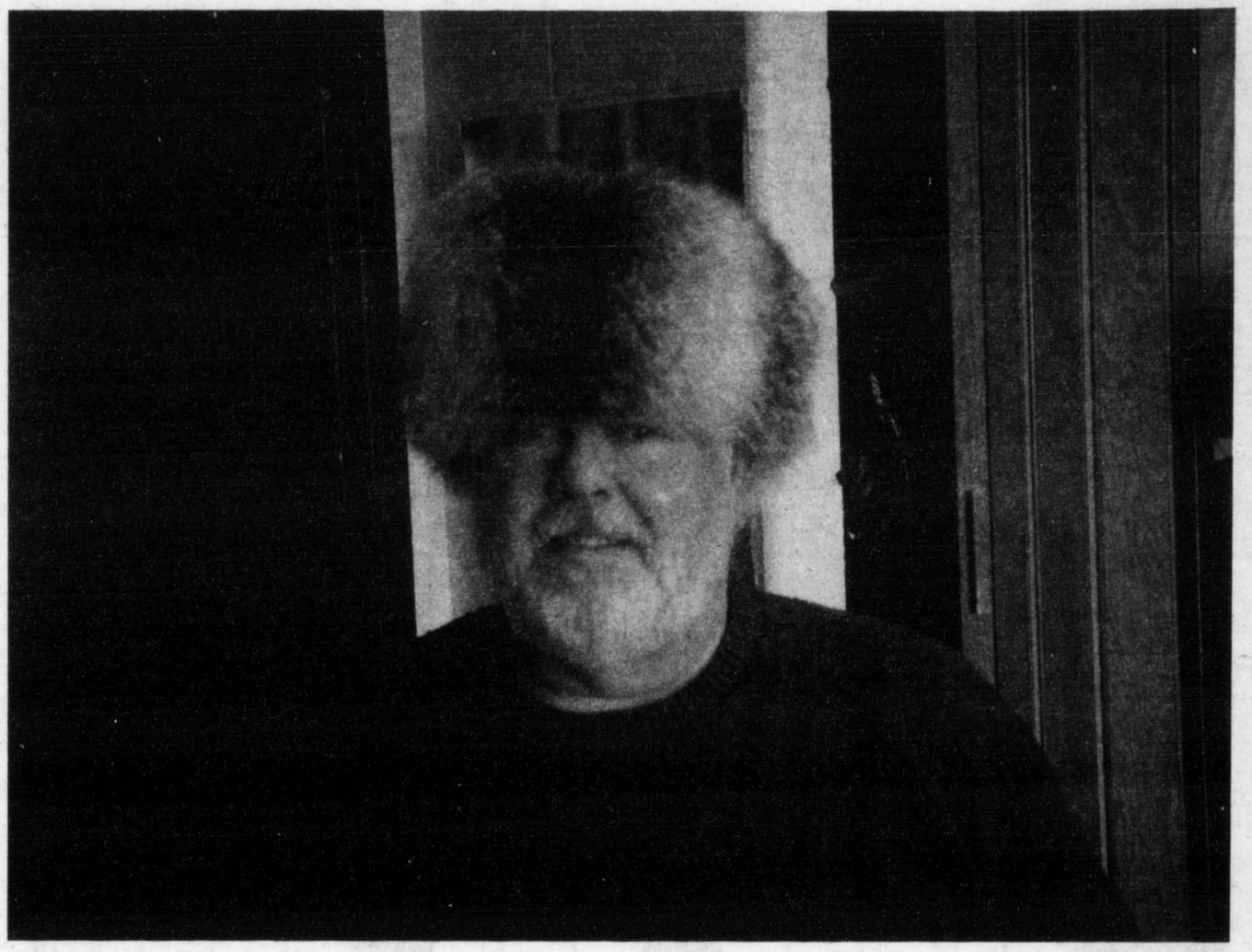
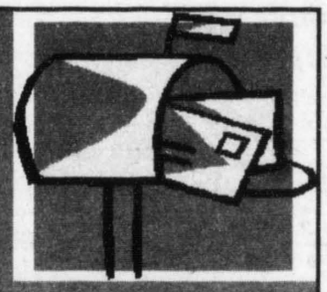


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Dr. Charles Hoy spent the fall semester in Russia and returned to Mansfield with this souvenir hat

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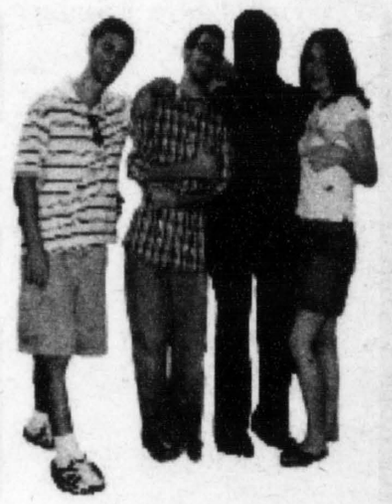
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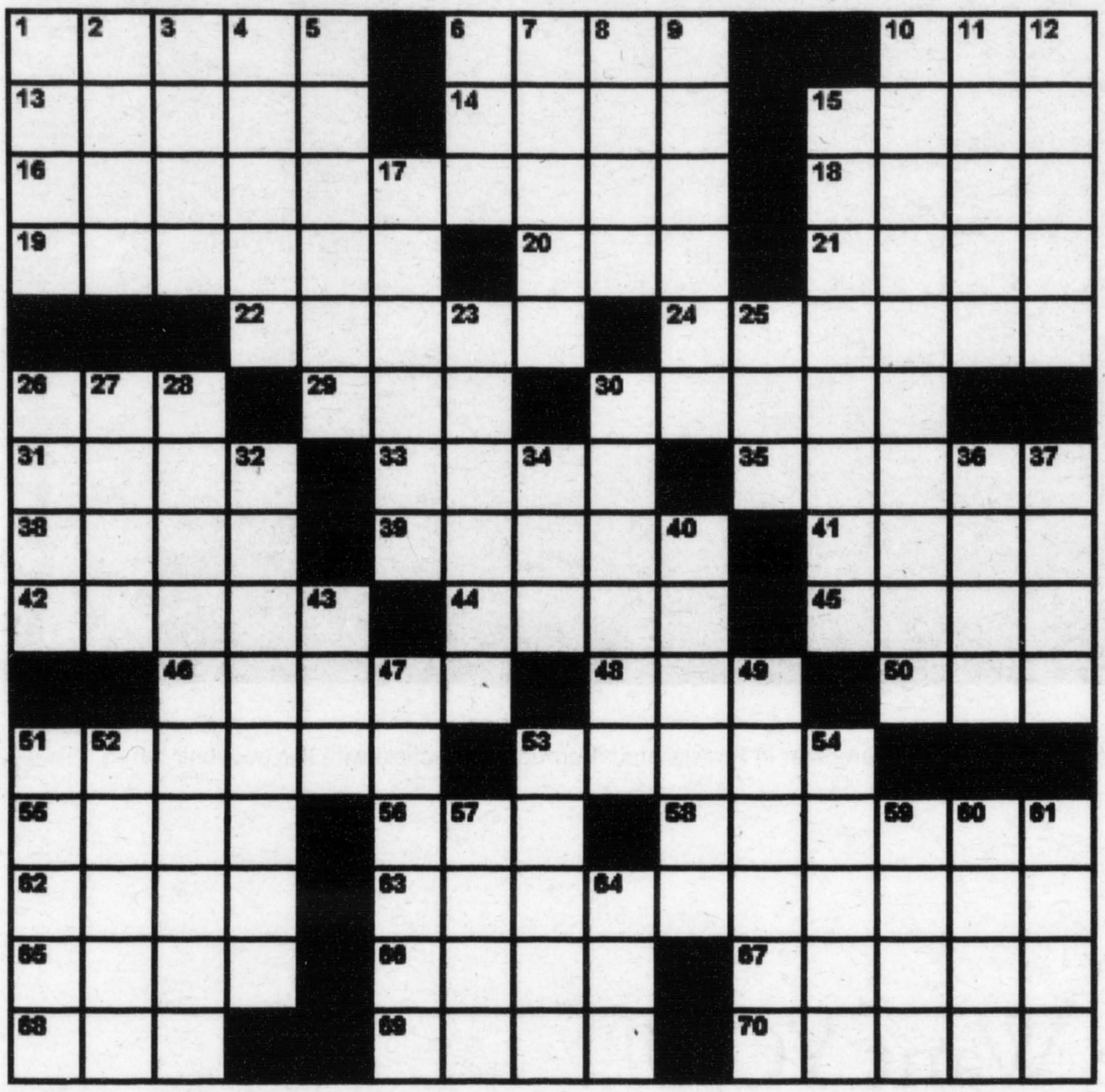
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Across

1. Experienced aurally
6. Flim partner
10. Handicapped parking authority
13. Roast host
14. Mrs. Munster
15. Sound kittenish
16. God of the COngo
18. Sandwich snack
19. Not real prefix
20. Baby food
21. ____ contendere
22. Snacks south of the border
24. Reflexive mgender neutral pronoun
26. Varnish ingredient
29. Fish eggs
30. Moses older brother
31. PDQ
33. Performed musically
35. Person who practices Eastern discipline
38. Grain storage venue
39. Happening
41. Pleasant
42. Papa Doc's old kingdom
44. Kind of view mirror
45. Winter white stuff
46. Wash your grubby body
48. ___ for tat
50. Printers' measures
51. Italian opera singer
53. Cite
55. Norse king
56. Loneliest number
58. Rental agreements
62. Memo, e.g.
63. Purse
65. Amish you
66. Dead
67. Ivory's partner
68. Head flap?
69. Sailor's hello
70. Shampoo follower

Down

1. Rope source
2. Large, flightless birds
3. High point
4. Argue against
5. Himalayan cedar
6. You might get shot for it
7. Walk warily
8. Western Canadian prov.
9. Nearsightedness
10. Wright brothers' power source
11. Live as a permanent resident
12. Snooty
15. Rain storms
17. Given to joking
23. Body of work
25. Attempt
26. Eye hair
27. Where most people live
28. Graduation marker
30. Cousin on ones father's side
32. Boiled meat
34. Born, on the society page
36. Computer desktop picture
37. Rather production
40. Small matter
43. ___ just a matter of time
47. Party
49. Totter partner
51. Italian count
52. Island hello
53. Right-hand manuscript page
54. Jewish teacher
57. Famous sailor
59. Right about now
60. Long times
61. Terrier type
64. Florida island

How well do you know *Cool Runnings*?

1. What kind of driver is Sanka?
   a. push cart driver
   b. boat driver
   c. NASCAR driver
   d. sea-doo driver

2. Why didn't Darice go to the summer olympics in Seoul?
   a. He was tripped
   b. He quit
   c. He was disqualified
   d. He didn't want to go

3. How does Darice get the idea of a Bobsled team?
   a. saw it on T.V.
   b. Irv Blitzer talked him into it
   c. Saw a picture of Irv and his father
   d. Sanka forced him

4. What did Yul Brenner do to earn money to get to the olpmpics?
   a. kissing booth
   b. arm wrestle
   c. sing on the street
   d. sold his car

5. What medal did the Jamaican's win?
   a. gold
   b. no medal
   c. silver
   d. bronze

6. What does the term "cool runnings" mean?
   a. nothing
   b. peace be the journey
   c. running is cool
   d. stay nice and cool as you run

7. What name did Junior suggest to name the sled
   a. Towanda
   b. Tenana
   c. Tallulah
   d. Tilly

8. What job did Sanka have on the bobsled team?
   a. brake man
   b. first middle man
   c. second middle man
   d. driver

On the Sidelines with Clarissa Correll: A Triple Threat

By NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

It's a new year and a new semester; an opportunity that some students may use to start again and get off on the right foot. For the Mansfield women's basketball team, they start into the new semester with hope that previous, tough, non-conference games will have prepared them for the PSAC east season to come.

Throughout 2007, the women have battled nationally ranked programs such as Drury University and Fairmont State, leaving them with a 5-10 record and three injured starters. Nonetheless, with misfortune and adversity leaving the team short in points and short in players, prominent starter Clarissa Correll has demonstrated she can step up and contribute to the team's success.

Correll, a junior guard originally from Mansfield, has been one of the team's top two leading scorers throughout the season. Averaging 12.1 points and 35.9 minutes per game, she's proven valuable in the eight-person rotation. The eight-person rotation was implemented by women's head coach Ruth Hermansen after the injuries of starting guards Brittany Reed, Courtney Brooks and Mallory Hafer left them unable to play.

"I think the team has come a long way," Correll said. "We have had some minor setbacks like losing three starters, but everyone has been able to step up and fill the void."

Last year, Correll appeared in all 27 games, but only started in 16. So far this season, Correll has started in 14 of the women's 15 games and has a .428 field goal percentage. She's 11 for 33 in her three-point shooting and averages 4.1 rebounds.

Hermansen commented on Correll's athletic ability as well as her role within the team.

"Clarissa is doing a tremendous job at both ends of the court," Hermansen said. "She is our defensive stopper, guarding the opponent's best player most every night for 40 minutes, along with being our court general and playmaker."

With classes starting and a game against Kutztown coming up, I wasn't able to get a face-to-face interview with Correll. Even so, I could tell from her answers that Correll is optimistic about the rest of the season. Furthermore, she continues to maintain a strong belief in her team's abilities, injured starters or no injured starters and their hopes of accomplishing their overall goal; making it to the PSAC playoffs.

Nicole Hagan: How long have you been playing basketball? Is this a sport that you've had a lot of experience with?
Clarissa Correll: I've been playing basketball since second or third grade.

NH: Did you play any other sports growing up?
CC: I played lots of different sports when I was younger, but when I got to high-school I decided to stick with cross country, basketball and track.

NH: Why did you decide to stick with basketball and not cross country or track?
CC: Actually, I still compete with the cross country and track teams as well as the basketball team here at Mansfield. I chose to do all three because I love each sport in a different way and I couldn't imagine myself not participating in one.

NH: How did you first become interested in basketball?
CC: My older brother and I would always play in the driveway and it just kind of stuck. It was always part of my family life growing up.

NH: Why did you decide to come to Mansfield University?
CC: I chose Mansfield because it is my hometown. I have a big family and they are really important to me, so I wanted to stay close to home and this was the best fit.

NH: The women's basketball team is off to a 5-10 start. Is there anything the team is trying to work on or change coming into the new year/new semester?
CC: We are entering into the PSAC east play which is our main focus of the season and as a team we are working on communicating and playing together to get the win.

NH: How do you think the team has progressed so far this season and is it difficult moving into the conference season without Brittany Reed, Courtney Brooks or Mallory Hafer?
CC: I think the team has come a long way. We have had some minor setbacks like losing those three starters, but everyone has been able to step up and fill the void.

NH: What do you, personally, and the team, as a whole, look to achieve in the rest of the season? Are there any goals that you or the team have in mind?
CC: The main team goal is to make the PSAC playoffs and then win in the first round of playoffs.

NH: How do you think the team is doing so far and how do you think the team will do going into the PSAC East Conference season?
CC: We have been playing some really tough competition and for the most part we have been able to compete with the teams. Now that we get into east play, I think that we will be able to handle any team we face.

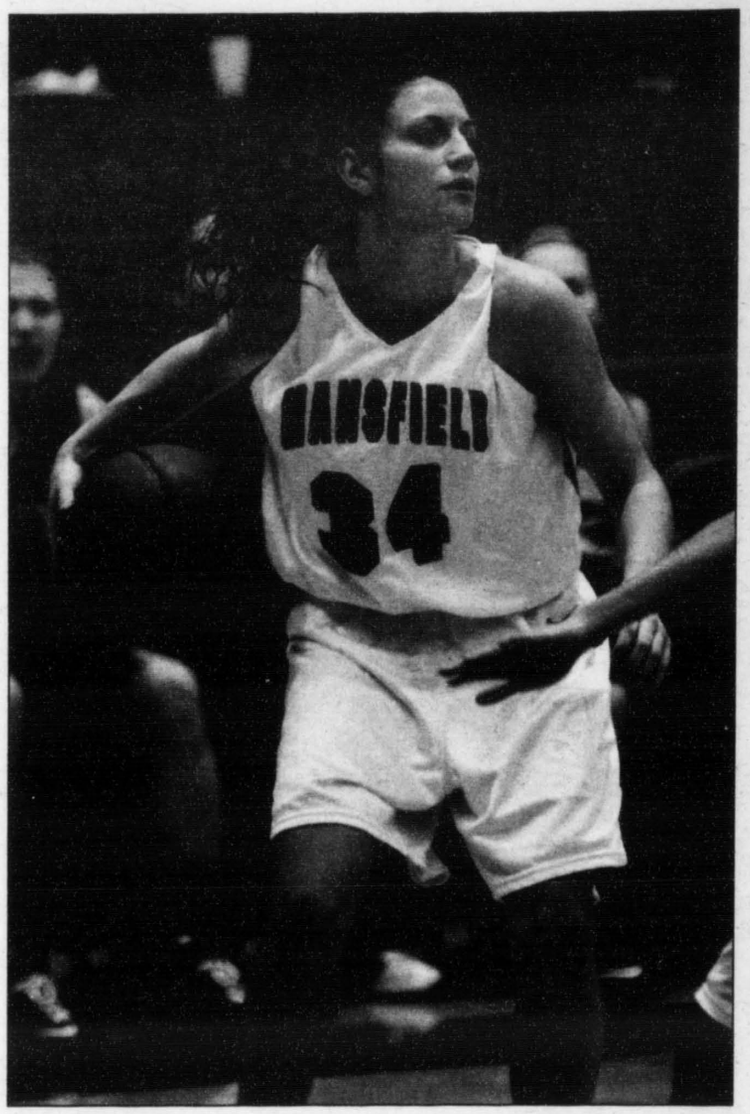
NH: What has been your most rewarding experience throughout college basketball?
CC: The most rewarding experience for me is the relationships that I have been able to make with my teammates. I've made friendships on the team that I never would have had, had I not played basketball.

NH: What has been your most difficult task to overcome through college basketball?
CC: The most difficult task for me is being able to balance all three sports. I'm really lucky that my basketball coaches and teammates are supportive of me doing my other sports.

NH: What motivates you to play?
CC: The love I have for the sport. I love the excitement when I'm playing in a close game.

NH: Whose you're biggest influence or role model and why?
CC: My biggest influences and role models are my fiancé, Chris Cummings, and my sister. Chris works harder than anyone I know and having his support and encouragement helps me get through a lot. My sister is always there for me and I couldn't play without her.

NH: What's your major?
CC: I major in Elementary/ Special Education.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Junior guard Clarissa Correll averages 12.1 points per game going into the PSAC East Conference season.

NH: What are your plans after graduation?
CC: I would like to go to grad school for physical education.

NH: Explain to me what it's like to be a part of the women's basketball team here at Mansfield University?
CC: It's a lot of fun and hard work. As a team we put in a lot of time and effort. Our breaks are shorter and we have practices on top of school, but it is all worth it because of the fun we have when we are all together.

NH: Is there anything else you'd like to add? Maybe something about your next game on Wednesday against Kutztown or any final words before you start into the PSAC east Conference season?
CC: The only other thing I'd like to add is that I'm excited for the start of east play and I know that we are going to play well and achieve our goal of making playoffs.

Lady Mountaineers improve record

Despite losing three starters women improve with tough schedule

By ERIC BOHANNON
Editor-in-Chief

While most students were on Christmas break, the Mansfield University women's basketball team played 10 games and two were against nationally ranked teams.

The games began with a 73-65 setback to PSAC west opponent Lock Haven. Clarissa Correll led the Mountaineers with a career high 26 points and played the entire 40 minutes in the losing effort. Alicia Espigh scored 17 points while Brittany Reed added 10.

"Clarissa is doing a tremendous job at both ends of the court," head coach Ruth Hermansen said. "She is our defensive stopper who guards the opponents' best player almost every night."

The Mountaineers came right back the next day and beat Shippensburg 76-56. Correll led a foursome of Mountaineers in double figures with 19 points. Espigh and Courtney Brooks had 15 points while Emily Akins finished with 10 points.

"Alicia is deadly at the offensive end, she stretches the defense out because she must be guarded," Hermansen said. "She has returned to the court after a year off and hasn't skipped a beat offensively."

Mansfield traveled to South Padre Island, Texas, to play in a tournament. In the first round they drew #8 ranked Drury University (MO). The Mountaineers fell behind early and lost 79-48.

We played an extremely tough non-conference schedule this season," Hermansen said. "This has been the most challenging schedule in my tenure here at Mansfield. We have played against numerous ranked teams and one NAIA team. Even through some losses, the team has seen that they can compete with some of the best teams in the country when we execute and have a commitment to defense."

In the consolation game, Mansfield played St. Thomas Aquinas (NY) in a tight game. The Mountaineers held a three-point halftime lead, but the Spartans came back to send the game into overtime. Mansfield scored quick in overtime, going on an 8-2 run to take control of the game. The Mountaineers shot five for six from the field in the overtime session and won the game 58-53. Jeannette Meacham led a balanced Mansfield attack with 13 points and a career high 18 rebounds while Correll and Espigh had 12 a piece and Brooks added 10.

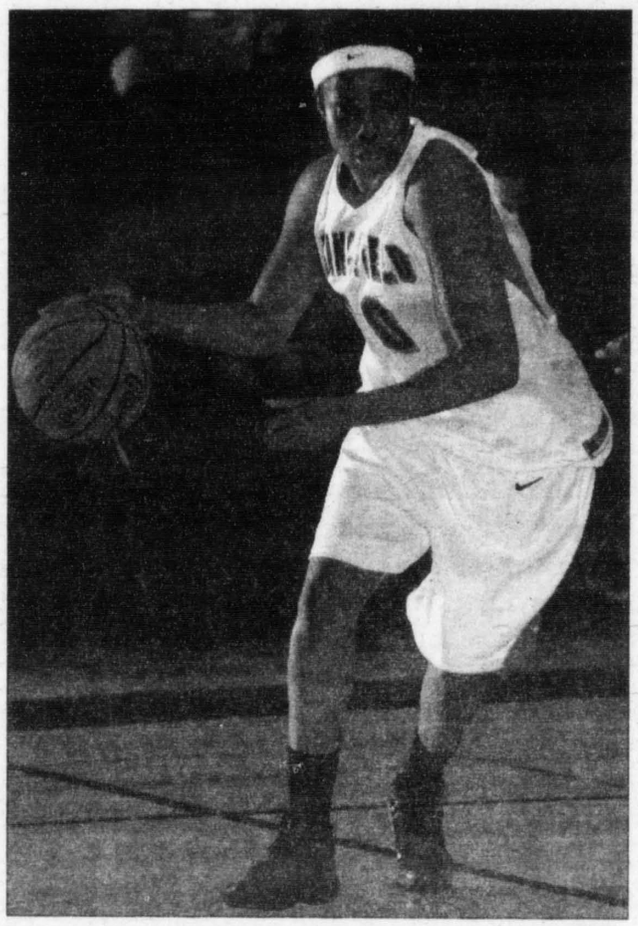
The Mountaineers lost five of their next six games as the injuries piled up. Brittany Reed, who started in all 11 games she has played this year, was hurt against Concord while starting point guard Courtney Brooks was hurt in the California (PA) game.

"I'm proud of the way that the injured players are handling adversity," Hermansen said. "They are working hard to return to the court."

"I'm thrilled with the effort of the players who have stepped into fill the shoes of the three injured starters," Hermansen said. "It has been a positive that many other players are getting valuable minutes of experience."

Mansfield will travel to Kutztown on Wednesday, Jan. 16 to kick-off the PSAC east season. They will then head to Millersville on Saturday, Jan. 19. The PSAC east home opener will occur Jan. 26 against Cheyney.

"We are looking forward to competing in the PSAC east on Wednesday," Hermansen said. "We need to win as many as we can on the road and put away teams in our gym."



SPORTS INFORMATION

Jeannette Meacham had a career high of 18 rebounds versus St. Thomas Aquinas. The women won the game in overtime.

Coming up in Mountie Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Jan. 16	17	18	19 - Men's B-ball @ Millersville, 3 p.m. - Women's B-ball @ Millersville, 1 p.m. - Swimming @ Pitt-Bradford w/ Wells College, 1 p.m. - Indoor Track & Field PSAC West Meet @ Slippery Rock, All Day	20	21	22
23 - Men's B-ball @ vs District of Columbia University, 7 p.m.	24	25 - Swimming CAL Vulcan Invite, All Day - Indoor Track & Field Penn State National Invite or Bucknell Open	26 - Women's B-ball @ vs Cheyney University, 1 p.m. - Swimming CAL Vulcan Invite, All Day - Indoor Track & Field Penn State National Invite or Bucknell Open	27	28	29

Despite loss, swim team celebrates Senior Day

By CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL
Flashlight Writer

Maureen Maikner was honored at Senior Day during the Mansfield University swim team's final home meet against East Stroudsburg Saturday, Jan. 12.

Maikner, Mansfield's only senior, won the 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:13.33 and placed second in the 200 Individual Medley with a time of 2:21.85.

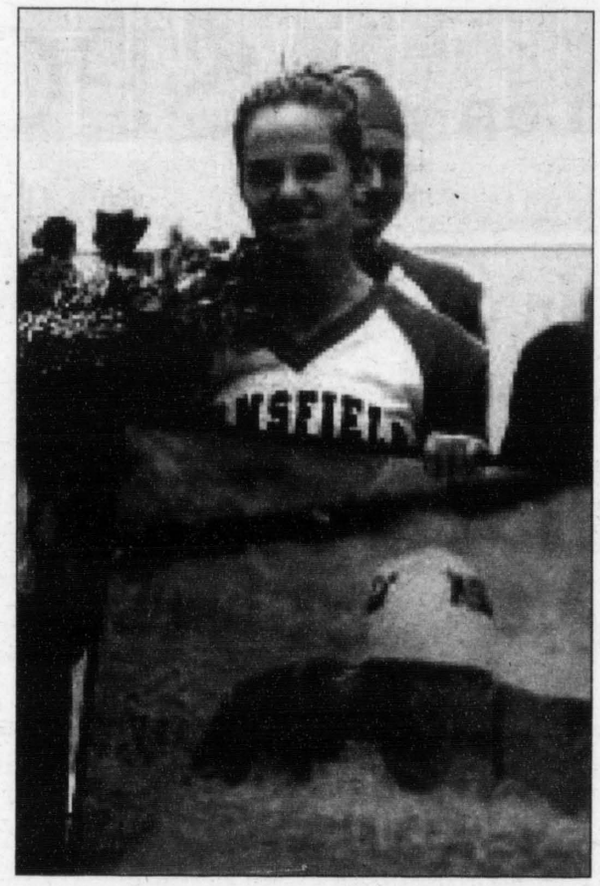
During a break between races, Maikner was honored for her four year commitment to the team. She walked out with her parents Debrah and John while her teammates presented gifts to her.

"I would like to leave behind my leadership ability because I'm a small person and when I want to get my point across I can really make myself known," Maikner said. "That's something I want the girls to remember me by and to take away from my stay here at Mansfield."

One of Maikner's accomplishments during the season was her PSAC qualifying time of 1:03.15 in the 100 yard butterfly against Millersville on Dec. 8. This is the first time Maikner has qualified for the PSAC meet.

When asked about her swimming career, Maikner said she was pleased with her performance throughout the years, as well as her teammates and head coach Danita Fox's leadership. "I have much love for Coach Fox. My relationship with her has been one I'll always cherish," Maikner said. "She's a very spiritual person just like I am., She has pushed me in and out of the pool mentally, spiritually, and physically."

During the celebration, both Maikner and Fox were emotional. "My relationship with Maureen has been amazing," Fox said. "She is a very spiritual person and a good friend."



SPORTS INFORMATION
Maureen Maikner qualified for the PSAC championship meet on Dec. 8 in the 100 yard butterfly against Millersville.

Another success during the meet was Mansfield junior Tricia Learn. She won first place in the 1000 yard freestyle with a time of 11.45.60 and the 200 yard backstroke with a time of 2:17.62. Her time in the 200 backstroke was .16 short of qualifying for the PSAC championship meet. "Part of the reason for doing backstroke was to help the team out," Learn said. "The other reason was because I was already doing it for the medley relay so I thought I would try to get better at it."

Learn also took a second place finish in the 400 yard medley relay when she teamed up with Maikner, freshman Katie Stillittano and sophomore Sarah Koontz.

Other place finishers for Mansfield were Stillittano who placed second in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 5:56.05. She joined Megan Smickley, Maggie Stengel and Mary Tucker in the 200 yard freestyle relay and placed second with a time of 1:58.47.

Smickley placed second in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 2.15:94 and third in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 1:11.41.

Tucker placed third in the 1000 yard freestyle with a time of 12:20.65 and in the 500 yard freestyle with a time of 5:59.52.

Koontz had a third place finish in the 100 yard freestyle with a time of 1.02:58. Danita Fox is the Mansfield University swim teams' head coach. Fox's 11-year career at Mansfield will soon be coming to an end. She was very pleased with her past seasons. "It's been a roller coaster ride," Fox said. "Roller coaster rides are fun but they also have their ups and downs."

The team lost 126-74 to East Stroudsburg. Their next meet is Saturday, Jan. 19 at 1:00 p.m. against Wells College & the University of Pitt Bradford.

Brumfield wins high jump at Bucknell Guilden Relays

By ALLEN BENNETT
Web Editor

The Mansfield University Indoor Track team went to Bucknell for the Guilden Relays on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Katrina Brumfield jumped with a height of five feet three inches to clinch the high jump over 19 other competitors.

"I don't feel I'm at my peak. Over the next two weeks I should hit the goals Coach and I set for myself," Brumfield said. "I've had a really good season, but I still have a little bit to go. What I've done in preseason is paying off."

Mansfield's track team's head coach, Mike Rohl, commented on Brumfield's performance.

"Katrina is a senior, veteran competitor. Even though she kind of tweaked her ankle in practice during the week, despite my request for her to not compete and asked her to stop, she still did and she won. That's what you do when your a senior," head coach Mike Rohl said, "She pushed her self to the limit."

The men's sprint relay team also had an eventful day with a win in the 1600 meter relay with a time of 3:36.25, bumping Bucknell out of first. Victor Garcia (400), Joe Eck (200), Bryan Falcone (200), and Dave Sanford (800 anchor) all ran a strong race.

"I think that was one of the best competitive relays we have seen here in a long time. That was an excellent effort by all four of them. To go down there and to beat Bucknell, who thought they were going to win, and Lincoln, who is a perennial powerhouse sprint team, is a big step for those guys. They did well," Rohl said.

The men's sprint relay team later came back and set a school record in the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 1:35.34.

The men's distance medley team consisting of John-Mark Stoltz, Chris Bogenschutz, Sean Vollenweider, and Joe Stanek took second behind Bucknell with a time of 10:45.88.

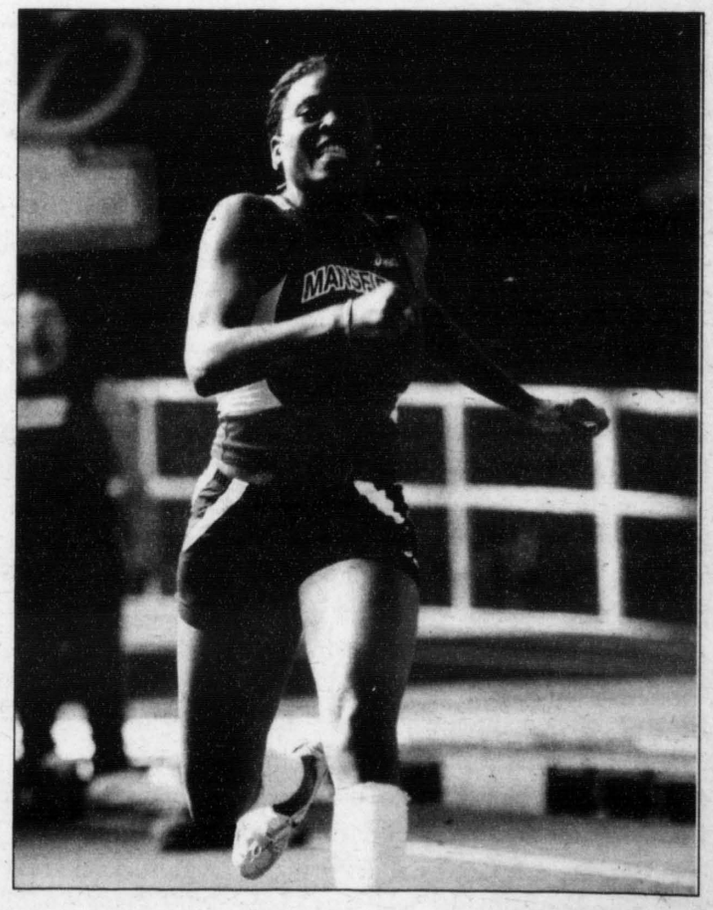
Three race walkers Michelle Clarke (7:56.57), Chelsea Conway (8:09.78), and Anine Stanley (8:15.23) all qualified for the Melrose Games.

"We're young, some of the kids looked a little rough around the edges, but it's the first meet and we expect that. Some of the veterans are ready to compete right now and for the rest of the season," Rohl said. "I'm always excited about every season." Their next meet is Jan. 19 at Slippery Rock.

"The team overall did great coming off of the break," Brumfield said. "The boys relay team broke a record, the race walkers had a strong performance, Amanda Fetish and Janelle Toter made it to finals and the pole vaulters did well. One girl is only in her second year in track and pole vaulted high. Both of the coaches were happy,"

Earlier in the Christmas break, in a meet at Kent State, Mansfield broke two other records in the 400 meter and the 4x4 relay race. Freshman Ryan Kelly broke the 60.23 record that was set in 2004 by coach Steph Cadwell and 4x4 team Joe Eck, Victor Garcia, Dave Sanford and Bryan Falcone ran a 3:29.28 beating the time of 3:29.68 that was set in 2005.

Other standouts during the Kent State meet included Dave Sanford who placed second in the 800 meter race with a time of 1:54.21, Chris Cummings who finished second in the 3000 meter with a time of 8:38.68, and Brumfield who finished fourth in the high jump with a jump of five feet four and a half inches.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Katrina Brumfield won the high jump at the Guilden Relays with a distance of 5 feet 3 inches

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Men's basketball faces first test in conference play Wednesday with 11-3 record

By NICOLE HAGAN AND DANELLE MILLER
Flashlight Sports Co-Editors

Mansfield University's men's basketball team headed into the new semester with an 11-3 record.

The men played Lock Haven, Shippensburg, Bowie State, California University of Pennsylvania and Penn State Dubois at home. They then traveled to Edinboro on Saturday, Jan. 12 and Slippery Rock Sunday, Jan. 13 to cap off the games over winter break.

The Mountaineers stepped into Christmas vacation with a 6-1 record and extra confidence after their 105-56 win against Penn College.

Sophomore guard Ryan Callahan commented how well the men played coming off of the bench.

"Armen Henderson was a spark in the second half and most of the guys off the bench broke down defensive pressure and were able to cause turnovers from the other team," Callahan said.

The men finished out 2007 with a 95-74 win against Lock Haven, a close 73-72 win over Shippensburg and an 85-70 win over Bowie State.

Brandon Lawley, a senior forward for Mansfield commented on the close win against Shippensburg.

"We played to the level of our competition and that was the main reason the game was so close and why we were down for the majority of the game. We started out really slow, but picked it up in the second half, scoring 44 points, which gave us the victory," Lawley said. "Overall, everything was well balanced, everyone played as a team and played smart defense. But even though I feel we played well, for us to win a championship, we're going to have to play with more passion and desire."

Shippensburg maintained the lead in the second half. With 35 seconds left to play, junior point guard Chris Greene took control of the game and scored seven of his game high 22 points. Greene hit a three-pointer, a lay-up and then was fouled by Shippensburg's Ryan Kraft with three seconds to go, making the score 72-71 in favor of the Raiders. Greene made both free throws giving Mansfield a 73-72 win.

"Of course the game high was when Chris Greene hit two big free throws at the end of the game and scored the last seven points for Mansfield. It took a big heart and I'm glad he is on my team," Lawley said. "We, as a team, are ready for pressure because of our intense practices and the mentality to never give up. Against Shippensburg, Chris Greene knew what he had to do and helped us get the victory. Through experience, I know a game is never over until the horn rings."

Because of Greene's performance against Lock Haven and Shippensburg, he was named the PSAC East Division Player of the Week. Along with game winning shots against Shippensburg, he also contributed with five assists and three steals. During the Lock Haven game, he scored 10 points, had six rebounds and four assists. At the time, Greene ranked third in the PSAC in free throws (.853), fifth in assists with 38 and 11 in steals with 16.

"I think the PSAC was looking mostly at my game against Shippensburg when they decided to name me player of the week," Greene said. "Last year we'd get into a tight situation like that and we wouldn't be able to step up under the pressure. This time around I think we're more experienced and I'm more experienced, so I was able to help out my team in those last few minutes of the game."

Other contributors during the Lock Haven and Shippensburg games were freshman forward Yuseff Carr with a career high of 19 points, eight rebounds and two blocks against Lock Haven. Callahan and senior guard/forward Kevin Hill had 16 points against Lock Haven and Brandon Lawley had 11 points and 12 rebounds against Shippensburg.

The men ended 2007 with a win against Bowie State, giving the team a PSAC best record of 9-1. Senior guard John Hampton led the team in scoring against Bowie State with 21 points along with Greene who contributed 12 and Lawley who added 11.

"I think this was the best game that we've played so far this season," Greene said. "No team in the PSAC normally beats Bowie State. Our coach told us before the game that if we beat them that really means something. It means we've really done something. That really fired us up and we ended up going out and beating one of the hardest teams we're going to play this season."

Entering 2008, the men's basketball team received their second loss of the season with an 80-71 defeat by California at Decker Gymnasium.

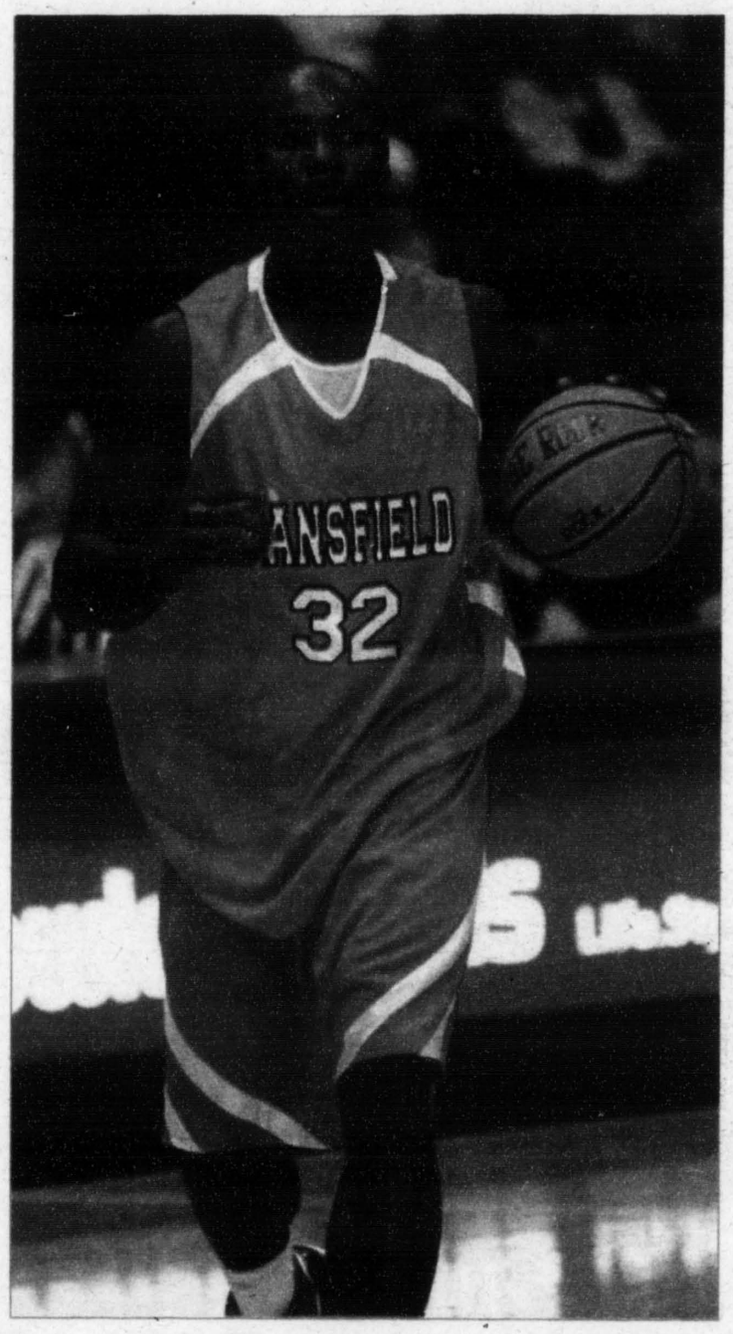
Even with Greene's game high contribution of 19 points followed by sophomore guard Chris Pender's 15 points and Hampton's 12 points, the team was unable to pull out a win in their first game of the new year.

Mansfield's loss was followed by a 90-64 win against Penn State Dubois in a non-conference game. Hill led the team in scoring with 22 points. Other contributors to the game were Callahan who scored 14 points, Hampton with 12 and Pender with 10. Their success was short-lived though with a following 91-67 loss to Edinboro.

"During the Edinboro game, we didn't come out with the same focus and intensity as we normally would. We were down early, by 40 points at one point, and it was the first time we panicked," Greene said. People tried to force shots and get the lead back in one play, instead of taking it one step at a time."

The following night the team bounced back with a 77-64 win against Slippery Rock, bringing an end to the non-conference season.

"Our loss to Edinboro the previous night was difficult. After the game, the whole team had a talk and we realized that we were rushing passes and plays. The next night at Slippery Rock, we just got back to doing what we're used to doing," Greene said.



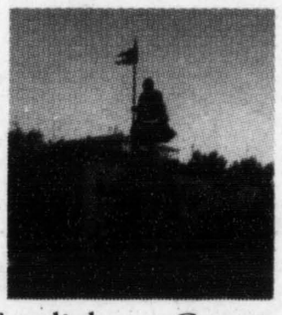
SPORTS INFORMATION
Senior forward Brandon Lawley scored 11 points and 12 rebounds against Shippensburg University.

"Even though we're number one in our division, the success we have right now isn't satisfying at all. Regardless of past wins, we realize going into our conference games that it's like a whole new season," Greene said. "Right now we're 0-0. We're going into this ready to play hard and continue what we've been doing all along."

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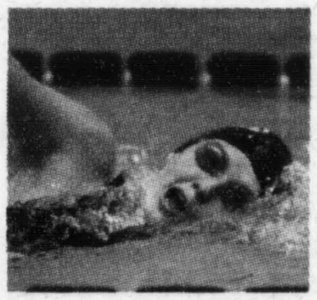
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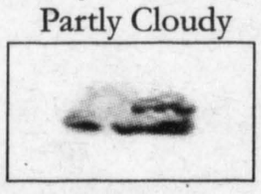


On the Sidelines with Tricia Learn

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Today's Weather

Partly Cloudy



High-34°F

Overnight Low- 24°F

Information taken from weather.com

University Lockdown drill is a work in progress

By BEKA BROWN

Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University's second lockdown drill took place last Tuesday.

The drill tested the university's emergency action plan for the first time while the semester was in session. The emergency communications system was put into effect when the lockdown drill began at 10:15 a.m.

Emergency communications include notifications sent through email, the novell network on campus, text messaging, campus television channel 10, the university homepage, announcements and alarms sounded over the campus carillon system and the campus emergency phone line.

During the drill, two main glitches were discovered. Some students were alarmed at these malfunctions but Jim Welch, the Environmental Health and Safety Coordinator, explained that this was beneficial to the campus. "We do emergency preparedness drills to find holes and problems," Welch said.

Text messaging was a primary source of concern. Students who subscribe to Verizon Wireless did not receive text messages alerting them that the lockdown had begun. Other service plans did not receive messages informing cell phone users that the lockdown was over.

The speakers above Manser did not play the advisory message. The system had previously been tested while playing music, but it had not been tested while the emergency message played. "We had a problem with that unit [Manser's speakers] and power at that site," Welch explained.

Others on campus reported that the speaker system could not be heard.

Christina Verbyla is a sophomore music education major. "You couldn't hear any sirens or announcements and we were in the music building [Butler]," Verbyla said.

Since Tuesday's drill, the speaker issues have been corrected and Campus Technology has been working with Verizon Wireless to eliminate the text messaging malfunctions.

Officer James Cobb has been a member of the university police force for 31 years. He was optimistic about the outcome of the lockdown drill. "In reality, the people responsible did their duties and responded appropriately. Everyone did exactly what we asked them to. Unfortunately, we can't control equipment malfunctions," Cobb said.

Welch explained that the Emergency Response Team began preparing ideas for strengthening the security of the campus in April 2007, following the Virginia Tech incident. "We acted proactively, prior to any state mandates," Welch said.

The campus' ability to handle a crisis situation was assessed in preparation for creating lockdown protocol. The evaluation showed that additional speakers were needed for the carillon system. Four speakers existed on top of Butler Center when the emergency action plan began, and two new speakers were added. Two new speakers were installed on top of Manser Hall. The entire system was upgraded to allow emergency messages to be played and heard around the campus and the community.

Faculty and staff were familiarized with locks around campus as well. "Essentially I have done spot training. Custodial, grounds and maintenance staff have received the bulk of the training," Welch said.

Sophomore Chris Boswell had mixed feelings about the drill. "The only reason I knew it [the drill] happened was because I received an email thanking me for my cooperation," Boswell said. From Cedarcrest Manor, Boswell did not hear any alarms or messages.

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Tarreto steps down after SGA's proposal to restructure

By KAY BARRETT

Flashlight Writer

Corey Tarreto has resigned from her position as chair of the Committee on Finance (COF) and is looking forward to enjoying her last semester at Mansfield University.

"There are many reasons [I left COF], but mostly because I am graduating in May and I want to be able to enjoy my senior year," Tarreto said.

Tarreto says that COF caused a lot of unwanted stress in her life. "I was in five organizations last semester and that one [COF] was more stressful than all the rest combined," Tarreto said.

Tarreto said a great deal of stress was caused by Student Government Association's [SGA] proposal last semester to restructure COF.

"That was definitely the straw that broke the camel's back. Between the arguments and the people fighting for control, it became too much. I couldn't see where the work I was putting in was helping to get anything accomplished," Tarreto said. "It wasn't necessarily the idea of restructuring that upset me, but the fact that the plans for restructuring did not create enough checks and balances."

Even though Tarreto faced some difficult challenges as chair of COF, she says that she wouldn't take anything back. "I don't regret being in COF. It was a good experience. I hope that the things I brought up are continued by those still involved and that people will fight for what should and shouldn't be done," Tarreto said.



Corey Tarreto steps down from COF.

Tarreto encourages students to take an interest in the actions of COF and SGA. "It is frustrating how little students know [about COF and SGA]. People should be informed about how their money is being used and what it is being used for," Tarreto said.

Jim Harrington, the associate vice president of student affairs, is adviser to COF and SGA and says that Tarreto will be missed. "I'm sad about it [Tarreto's resignation], and we are going to miss her," Harrington said. "She was always looking out for the interests of others. She never used her position to pursue her own interests."

Marisa Szynal, treasurer of SGA, was elected as chair of COF.

Weekly Weather

TODAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 34 Low: 24

FRIDAY

Wintery Mix

High: 35 Low: 28

SATURDAY

Mostly Cloudy

High: 35 Low: 24

SUNDAY

Few Snow Showers

High: 34 Low: 20

MONDAY

Cloudy

High: 35 Low: 27

TUESDAY

Rain/Snow Showers

High: 44 Low: 24

WEDNESDAY

Rain/snow showers

High: 36 Low: 20

Information taken from www.weather.com

Info-To-Go

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- Interested in giving up some of your Spring Break? Join Campus Ministries as we work with Seed of Hope in Tioga County from Wednesday at 5 p.m. to Sunday at 10 a.m. and still have a week of Spring Break to do what you want. For more information contact Deb or Courtney at 4432 or 4431 or email chull@mansfield.edu. There are a maximum of 10 people who can participate, so contact them soon!

-Paid Internship in Harrisburg - Fall 2008 work with state agency or legislators and recieve stipend roughly equivalent to a semester's tuition, room and board - plus gain valuable experience and contacts. Must be a junior or senior with a GPA of 3.0 or better. For more information contact Dr. Lee Wright x4787 or come to 309 Hemlock. Completed applications are due February 11.

- University Sponsored Event -
Thursday, Feb. 7 - Focus the Nation
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Environmental Fair KFC
12 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Lunch KFC
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Focus the Nation kick-off
3 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Life without Polar Bears AHSC 307
4 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Foot Prints and Offsets AHSC 307
5 p.m. - 6 p.m. - The Problem is Here AHSC 307
7 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Climate Change Project speaker or environmental documentary.

Entertainment Corner

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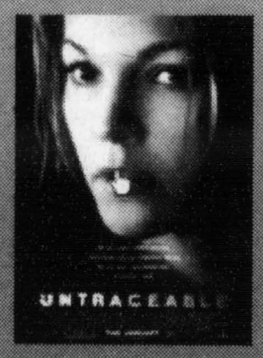
Top Digital Singles:
1.) **Flo Rida/T-Pain** - Low
2.) **Chris Brown** - With You
3.) **Sara Bareilles** - Love Song
4.) **Sean Kingston** - Take You There
5.) **Timbaland/OneRepublic** - Apologize





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Top Movies:
1.) **Meet the Spartans**- PG-13, Carmen Electra
2.) **Rambo**- R, Sylvester Stallone
3.) **27 Dresses** - PG-13, Katherine Heigl
4.) **Cloverfield** - R, Lizzy Caplan
5.) **Untraceable** - R, Diane Lane





'LOCKDOWN'

Several students found that following the drill they felt less at ease on campus. Sophomore Rebecca Gibbon was concerned for commuter students' response to the drill. "One of my friends who commutes was sitting in her car. She didn't know when it was over or whether it was okay to go to class," Gibbon said.

"This is really the purpose of a drill. If anything should happen, we can't have these mistakes," President Loeschke said. "Every time we practice, we perfect it more and more until we're in a place where everything is working."

An emergency evaluation session was held Monday to assess the results of the lockdown drill. All problems and questions about the system were discussed among the Emergency Response Team. There is a campus emergency plan, which is revisited once a year, and the lockdown protocol is a part of that.

"I initiated it [the drill] because I feel it is every bit as important as a fire drill. We will have them at the beginning of every semester so students will be reminded and the entire campus will be prepared for an emergency," Loeschke said.

"The biggest thing I can stress to everyone is that self safety and security is number one. Worry about yourself and then worry about others around you," Welch said.

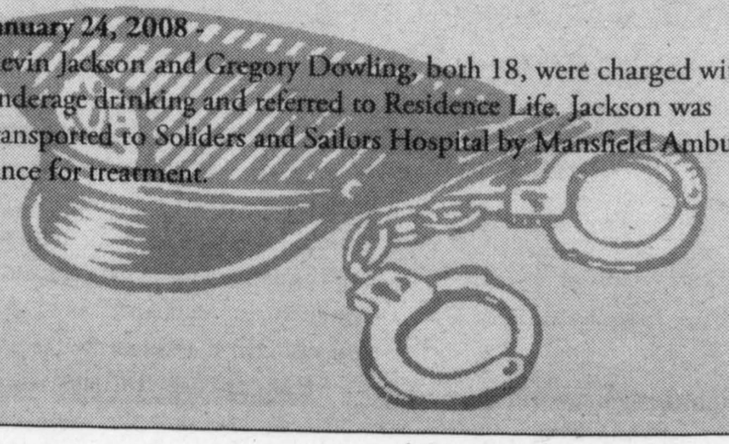
All feedback regarding the drill from staff and students is welcome and encouraged. Emails can be sent to jwelch@mansfield.edu.

Police Beat

Janurary 13, 2008 -
Between December 13, 2007 and January 13, 2008 an unknown person(s) entered Maple B Room 512 and removed a 15" Sharp LCD TV set. Anyone with information regarding this incident is requested to contact Mansfield University Police at 570-662-4900.

January 16, 2008 -
Allen Bennett, 20, was charged with underage possession and consumption of alcoholic beverage. He was cited and referred to Residence Life.

January 24, 2008 -
Kevin Jackson and Gregory Dowling, both 18, were charged with underage drinking and referred to Residence Life. Jackson was transported to Soliders and Sailors Hospital by Mansfield Ambulance for treatment.



Spotlight on Campus:

Faculty and Students Return from Russia



By REBECCA HAZEN

Flashlight Co-News Editor

Students and faculty from Mansfield University get the chance each fall to study abroad at Volgograd University.

This Fall semester, Dr Chuck Hoy, a communications professor, accompanied four students to the Russian university. Professors who are interested in going to Volgograd fill out faculty applicants and they are selected from there.

"Ever since I had gotten to Mansfield and found out about Volgograd, I thought it was a great opportunity. The timing was right for me to go," Hoy said.

Dr. Hoy taught two classes, American Media and Culture and American Electronic Journalism. All of his students were Russian. He had to have a translator in his Journalism class. Most times he could only get through half of his material because of this.

Isaac Pragle is a student that studied at Volgograd for the Fall. His easiest adjustment was the college mentality of living in the dorms and meeting new people. He enjoyed the laid back lifystyle in Russia. "Their philosophy was that if they did it today, great. If not, then they can do it tomorrow." Pragle said.

Russian culture has different perspectives than the United States. "You have to be very polite, and you have to be accepting of everything," Hoy said. It was difficult for Hoy to start up class discussions, because Russian students and professors generally do not do that.

The language barrier proved to be difficult. "I didn't know a word of Russian. It was hard not knowing the language and not being able to do things on my own," Pragle said.

"During the first month I sat in with students during their language classes. The alphabet is difficult. Some of the letters are completely different and make different sounds," Hoy said.

The exchange program with Volgograd and Mansfield has been going on since 1992. Students studying abroad earn credits for Mansfield and pay the tuition and room rates for Mansfield. The exchange program is open to all regularly enrolled Mansfield Univerity students. Students are required to have a minimum 2.5 GPA

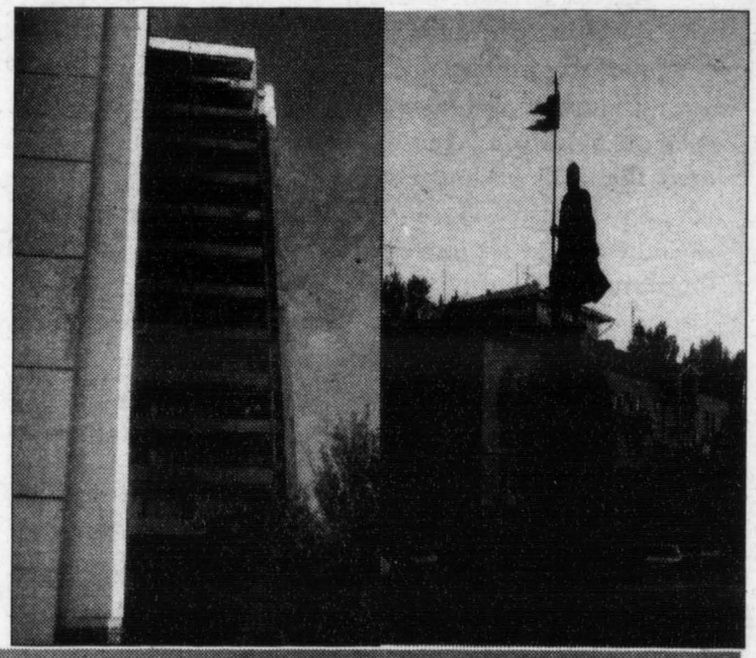
All applicants for the Volgograd Exchange program must submit two references from professors, a transcript indicating achievement of at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average, and a completed application for this program by March first of the year prior to departure.

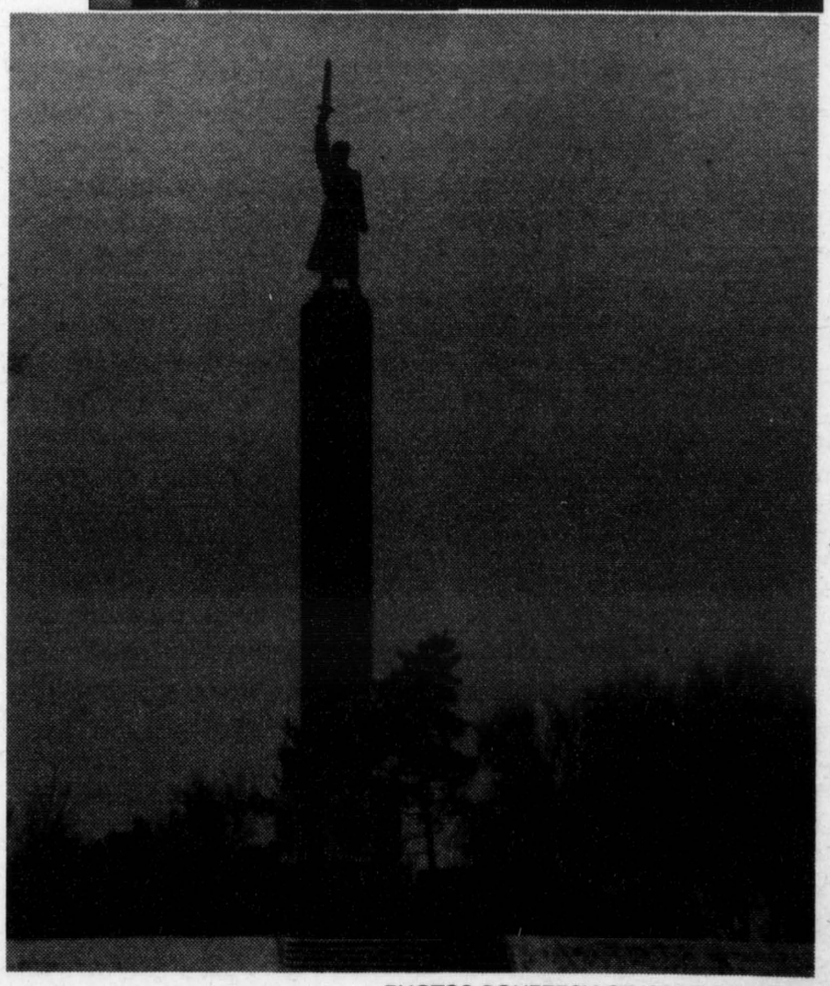
Hoy and Pragle both urge students to study abroad in Volgograd. "What you think you know about Russia, you'll completely change your mind. Go with an open mind," Pragle said. Hoy has the same opinion. "Go and go with an open mind. Any study abroad experience is a fantastic experience."



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Volgograd University main campus building





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Sculptor John Nihart has reception in North Hall

By JAMIE CURTIS

Flashlight Writer

The Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee (AAEC) hosted a reception and artists talk to introduce metal sculptor John Nihart.

The reception was held on the first floor of the North Hall Library on Thursday January 24 at 4 PM. The event was free and open to the public. Nihart's work will be on display until March 15, 2008. The gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr. Robert Geroux is the director of the Art Department and the AAEC, which is a student organization open to anyone who has an interest in art. "The students in the organization get the opportunity to meet the artists and to learn how to properly install, handle, and exhibit art," Geroux said. "The Exhibit is sponsored by the Mansfield University College Community Services Inc. (CCSI). Without them this event would not be possible." The CCSI helps to fund other student organizations on campus. Owen Crumb who is the student president of AAEC worked on the layout of the exhibit "The set up of an exhibit can make or break the show," Crumb said. "This show [Nihart's metal sculptures] is different than anything I have ever seen in person...What I like about it the most is that the art is not the traditional geometric shapes we usually see in sculpture, [such as squares, triangles, spheres etc.]. The sculptures have a more natural, organic, form to them."

Nihart grew up in Iowa where he spent a lot of time surrounded by farm machinery which has heavily influenced his work. Some of Nihart's other influences include The Human Body, African art, sculptors David Smith and Alexander Calder, as well as painters Joan Miro and Arshile Gorky.

Nihart's favorite material to work with is Steel. "It is hard and rigid when cold and it dries quickly. It is soft and easily shaped when heated," Nihart said. Nihart has been known to set fire to some of his sculptures using motor oil; or sandblast them with saltwater to provide different finishes.

Most of Nihart's work is considered abstract art. "Part of the fun of doing abstract art is that my work lets other people interpret my work as they choose to through imagination," Nihart said. Nihart's studio and residence are located in the Finger Lakes region of New York. He also teaches at Finger Lakes Community College. "It takes a lot of determination and persistence to keep showing your work," Nihart said. "Sometimes it is easy to become discouraged in the art field. You just have to keep putting your work out there."

Graphic Design degree program broadens opportunities

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Business Manager

Mansfield students will have a new opportunity to express their creativity in the fall of 2008. The university will be offering a Bachelor of Science degree in graphic design.

Dr. Lee Wright, Chairperson of the Communication and Theater Department, worked to develop a new program along with Dr. Joe Murphy and Provost Dr. Michael Renner. The initial work for the program began as far back as 1989 but the real push was within the past three to four years. The program was approved by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education on Jan. 10.

"We're very excited that we are able to offer this new BS program in Graphic Design and proud that the Board of Governors would make this statement of confidence in the quality of Mansfield's programs," Renner said.

Graphic design is one of the fastest growing occupations in the technology field. According to the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics within the design field graphic designers are expected to have the most new jobs by 2014.

The new major will take coursework from a variety of departments including business and computer science but will primarily be made up of courses from the Communication & Theatre and Art departments. There will also be newly developed courses specific to the graphic design major.

"The real strength of this new program is the effective use of resources that we already have," Wright said. Students will study the history of graphic design, principles of design, computer art,photography, marketing and business.

The major will have two tracks, print emphasis and motion graphics emphasis, for students to focus on their specific interests. With the option of two tracks the program will meet the needs of diverse students. The motion graphics emphasis will appeal to students who are interested in web design, animation and gaming. The print emphasis will appeal to students that are interested in print based advertising, newspaper design,magazine and illustration.

Wright is confident that the program will be a success. Already there is growing interest and several prospective students have contacted the university about the program. Instructor Martha Campbell also teaches at Corning Community College and is very excited about the new graphic design program. "This program is so important," Campbell said. "I teach about 60 students at Corning that are all from that area. Now rather than moving away to go to Ferdonia to further their education they can commute here."

The new program couldn't come at a better time. In the Summer of 2008 construction will begin on a new Allen Hall, which will house the Communication & Theatre and Art Departments. The new Allen Hall will be built to the east of the current Allen Hall, once the new one is built the old one will be torn down. The new Allen Hall will have a new state of the art TV studio, art studios, a lecture hall, an art gallery and faculty offices. "It [Allen Hall] will be a real boost to these programs, and we're eager to get it built and open," Renner said.

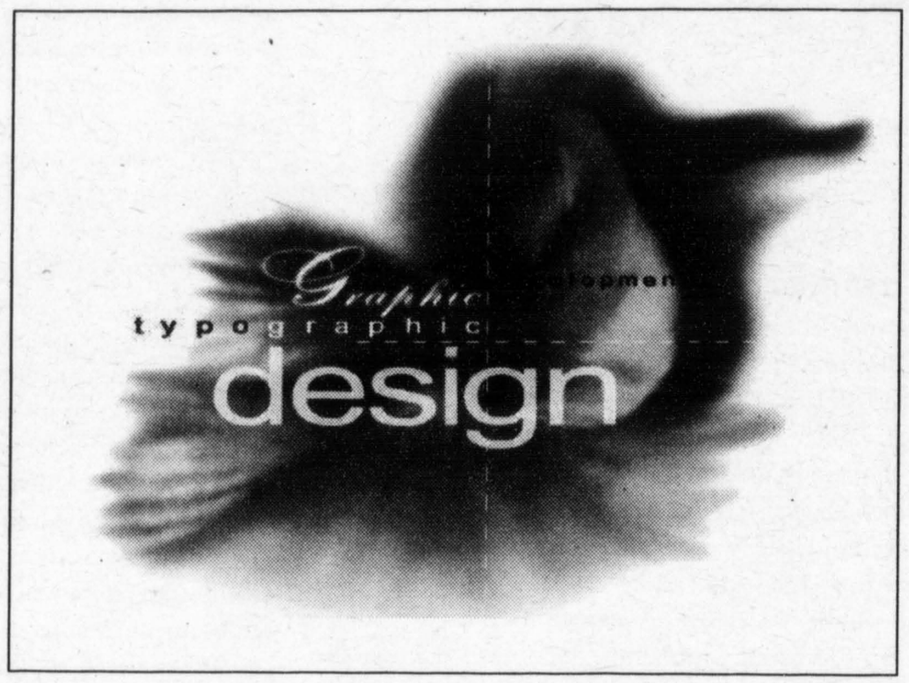


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Campus Events Calendar

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Jan. 31 - "Metal Sculpture" John Nihart- The Library Gallery	Feb. 1 - "Metal Sculpture" John Nihart- The Library Gallery	2	3	4 - "Metal Sculpture" John Nihart- The Library Gallery - Career series workshop 4-5p.m. Ask a career coach 314 student center	5 - "Metal Sculpture" John Nihart- The Library Gallery - Communications Sepnd- A Day Program	6 - "Metal Sculpture" John Nihart- The Library Gallery - Budget Campus Coversations 4 p.m. North Manser
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What in the World? News in a flash by Laura and Becca

Satellite heading towards Earth

By LAURA HALL
Flashlight News Co-Editor

A 7,000 lb. U.S. spy satellite is falling toward Earth and could land as early as February, but no one knows exactly where.

The satellite was launched in December 2006, but malfunctioned leaving it cut off from ground control. According to CNN.com, "Without communications, the satellite becomes a falling cannonball colliding with the atmosphere at 17,500 mph.

Even though no one knows exactly where the satellite will land, it is predicted that it will be an uneventful landing. The biggest pieces of the satellite will burn up on their way down.

That, plus the fact that 70 percent of the Earth is water means that there is a seven in 10 chance that the satellite will land in water, leaving land dwellers nothing to worry about.



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Turkey trying to ban headscarves

By LAURA HALL
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Turkey is trying to create equality in its higher education by lifting the ban on head scarves at public universities.

"Bans on head coverings were imposed in the early 1980's by Turkey's universities because they were seen as political symbols and conflicted with Turkey's secular governing system," CNN.com said.

The current proposal, which would still ban veils, burqas or chaddars (all which cover a woman's entire face) has caused an uproar.

Turkey's secular population see the proposed amendment as "a direct threat to the republic and its foundations," Deniz Baykal, leader of Turkey's main secular party, CHP, said.

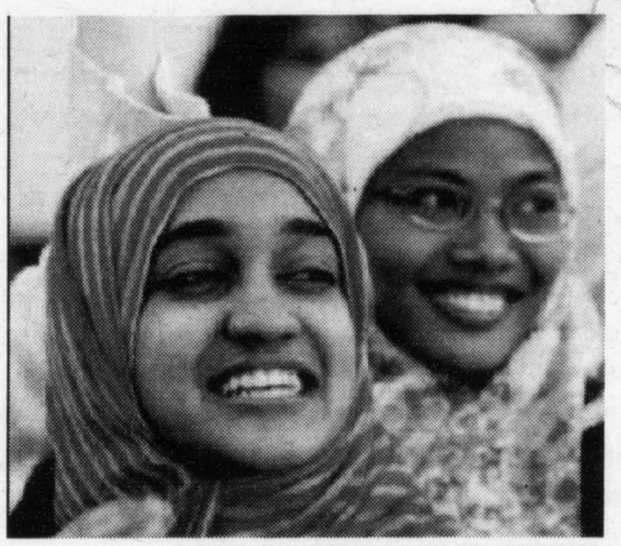
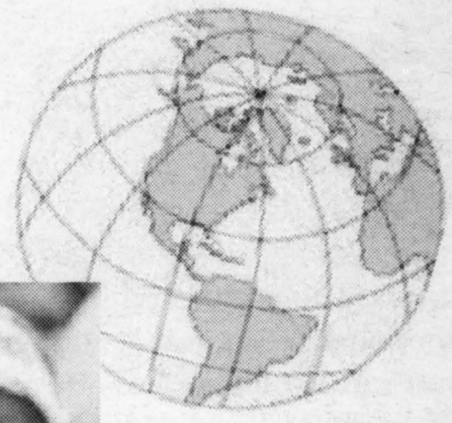


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Career Development Center recives grant

By JILL KAUFFMAN
Flashlight Copy Editor

Mansfield University's Career Development Center received a $5,000 grant from the C. Charles Jackson Foundation.

The C. Charles Jackson Foundation supports organizations that promote leadership. Because of Mansfield University's focus on leadership development, Career Development Center director Julia Overton-Healy applied for the grant.

The grant money will be used to support the Mountaineer Leadership Program and other leadership projects on campus. "Because general operating funds are always tight at a public institution, the grant money can be used to buy things we otherwise couldn't afford, and also to send students to institutes or conferences," Overton-Healy said. "It's important to give students opportunities to experience professional or personal development opportunities away from MU, so they expand their horizons and also so they can bring back that wisdom to share with us."

The grant will benefit the students if they are participating in the Mountaineer Leadership Program. It can also sponsor student trips to conferences and other leadership information sessions. "We're still looking at ways we can use the money," Overton-Healy said.

The Career Center is located in Hemlock Manor and can be used for career exploration, graduate school applications, interview practice, job searching, resume help, internship information and many other things.

The Career Center also hosts job fairs and workshops that help students prepare for their life after college.

"I want students here at Mansfield to use the Career Center more. We've got a huge calendar of events this semester, including "Career Blast", our first-ever career conference.

That day, April 23, we'll have a Career Fashion Show and an afternoon full of workshops to help students know more about their professional lives," Overton-Healy said. "We'll [also] have expert speakers on topics like Personal Money Management, Understanding Your Benefits Package, Professionalism on the Job, What Employers Really Want From You and so much more.". This event will be free to Mansfield University students.

The grant will help the Career Center expand its services to Mansfield students. "I am so grateful to the C. Charles Jackson Foundation for supporting our efforts. It's a vote of faith and confidence that we're doing good things here to be awarded this money," Overton-Healy said.

MAC hosts series of events

By ERIC BOHANNON
Editor-in-Chief

The Mansfield Activities Council made themselves known the first week of classes by hosting several events throughout the week.

MAC president Mozart Guerrier wants to change the perception that there is nothing to do on campus. "We are attempting to change the concept of the social scene on campus about having a good time," Guerrier said. "We know a lot of people say that Mansfield is a boring place and our hope is to change the culture of not enjoying being here at Mansfield."

The first week of classes MAC had an activity from Tuesday through Friday. The events ranged from free pizza to having artists come in and air brush t-shirts. The week was capped off with a casino night on Friday night.

Throughout the week of events, MAC had over 500 students attend the events and had to turn away about 200 students.

Meg Olney is the secretary of MAC and advises students to come to the events early. "We start everything on time, were never late," Olney said. "Whenever we have something it's always on a first come first serve basis. We will try and order more but the students have to come on time."

Future events that MAC plans to hold are a midnight breakfast where students can get out of their rooms at midnight and have eggs, bacon and pastries. There is a movie night every month. American Gangster is being featured this month. MAC also has ideas planned for the commuter students and Valentines Day.

"We want to make this the best experience of your life and the way were going to do that is by high quality programming," Guerrier said. "We want to look as professional as possible and we created a myspace account and Facebook group to stay in contact with the students and see what they want."

"We want to see what makes them happy and what they want to do on Friday night besides drinking," Guerrier said. "We want to build a foundation of quality programming this semester and our hope in the future is that people will say they came to Mansfield because the campus is thriving."

Guerrier and MAC plan on trying to build MAC as an organization so it is more known to students on campus. There are 12-15 active members in MAC and they are looking for more members.

"We have a committed group of members but the more people involved the less work people will have to do to make Mansfield a better place," Guerrier said.

"We are looking to make personal contacts with the students and show them what were about by taking a grass roots approach," Guerrier said. "We want to get our members walking around Manser, Jazzmans and different places on campus to tell students about things that are going on so we can create a connection with them."

MAC meets every Thursday at 5:15 in 317 Alumni and if students cannot attend the meetings they can contact MAC at myspace.com/MansfieldMac or join the Facebook group.

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ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

You aren't totally comfortable with the way things are going right now, thanks in large part to the weird emotional energy that is suffusing your surroundings. The good news is it won't last very long.

TAURUS
APRIL 20 - MAY 20

It's a bit too easy to get jealous today and you might find that it's taken quite badly if you reveal it. Try to sit on it for a while -- you should find that there's nothing to it if you really look hard.

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 21

You're hard to keep down for long today, thanks to your strong willpower and lack of concern for other people's rules. You need to remember to assert yourself when it's most important, though.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22

If you're not sure whether or not to jump on that opportunity, don't. Your lack of certainty is all the guidance you really need at this point and you should find something even better after time passes.

LEO
JULY 21 - AUGUST 22

Not everyone is looking out for you right now -- but that doesn't mean you've got much to worry about. Just make sure that you're comfortable acting on your own behalf for the time being.

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Try to evaluate your goals against reality -- there may be some conflicts you hadn't noticed that are going to be more trouble than you can cope with later on. Now is the time to fix them up.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Your financial situation could be anywhere from rags to riches, but it can still be improved. Today brings an opportunity that you may have passed up before -- but should take more seriously now.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

Your emotional strength is quite powerful today and you may find that people are unable to resist your suggestions. They are certainly unable to sway you if you're not willing to be swayed!

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Your self-awareness is peaking now and it's much easier for you to figure out what is really going on when you deal with people. That doesn't mean things are easy to change, but it's the first step.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

You've got a fairly sizable decision to make soon and today is a great time to make up your mind about it. You've got all the important information you need and can see where it all will lead you.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

You know you want to improve your situation, but you may not be totally sure about how to get there. Today is perfect for just examining your feelings about advancement -- take action another time!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

You can tell that the current emotional situation is temporary, though that may or may not help your mood. It is intense and it's also certain to lead to positive change when it's finally done with you.

The Book Nook:

The Friday Night Knitting Club

By CARRIE GOODYEAR
Flashlight Features Editor

The book *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs spent a little bit of time on the New York Times best-seller list.

I just finished this book last week. I plucked it off the shelf at the bookstore because knitting and crocheting are hobbies of mine. Honestly, I didn't expect much out of the book or it's plot, because it is Jacobs' first book.

However, I was pleasantly surprised by character development. The novel follows Georgia Walker and her daughter Dakota through those rough pre-teen years. Walker is the owner of Walker and Daughter, a local yarn shop on the west side of Manhattan.

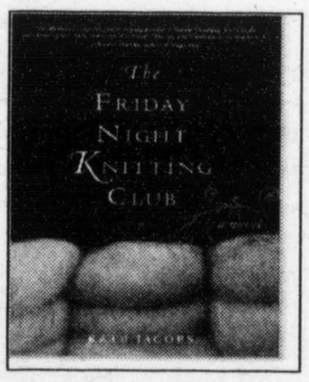


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The Friday Night Knitting Club is currently being made into a movie

Dakota's father left Georgia while she was still pregnant, however during the course of the novel, he returns and wishes to be a part of their lives.

Throughout the novel, Georgia confides everything in Anita. Anita is a mother-like figure who helped fund the beginnings of the Walker and Daughter yarn shop.

Also creating conflict in the novel is Georgia's former best friend from high school, Cat. Cat stole Georgia's spot at Dartmouth and they never spoke again, or at least until Cat contracted Georgia to design a knit gown for her.

The actual club that is formed consists of five very different women. One is a feminist who is writing a thesis and feels that knitting is a step back in women's rights. While others are successful business women and television producers.

The end of the novel has a huge twist to it, so if you want to find out what happens be sure to check it out.

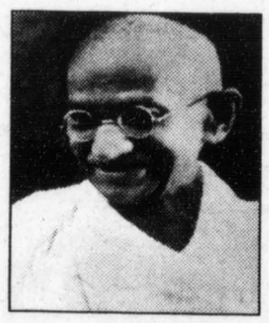
According to imdb.com, *The Friday Night Knitting Club* is in production for a movie starring Julia Roberts.

This day in history

Courtesy of history.com

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, the political and spiritual leader of the Indian independence movement, wasassassinated in New Delhi by a Hindu fanatic in 1948.

Born the son of an Indian official in 1869, Gandhi's Vaishnava mother was deeply religious and early on exposed her son to Jainism, a morally rigorous Indian religion that advocated nonviolence. Gandhi was an unremarkable student, but in 1888 was given an opportunity to study law in England. In 1891, he returned to India, but failing to find regular legal work, he accepted a one-year contract in South Africa in 1893.



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The famous peace leader died on this day in history

From thereon, he decided to fight injustice and defend his rights as an Indian and a man. When his contract expired, he spontaneously decided to remain in South Africa and launched a campaign against legislation that would deprive Indians of the right to vote. He formed the Natal Indian Congress and drew international attention to the plight of Indians in South Africa. In 1906, the Transvaal government sought to further restrict the rights of Indians, and Gandhi organized his first campaign of satyagraha, or mass civil disobedience. After seven years of protest, he negotiated a compromise agreement with the South African government.

In 1914, Gandhi returned to India and lived a life of abstinence and spirituality on the periphery of Indian politics. He supported Britain in the First World War but in 1919 launched a new satyagraha in protest of Britain's mandatory military draft of Indians. Hundreds of thousands answered his call to protest. He reorganized the Indian National Congress as a political force and launched a massive boycott of British goods, services, and institutions in India. Then, in 1922, he abruptly called off the satyagraha when violence erupted. One month later, he was arrested by the British authorities for sedition, found guilty, and imprisoned.

This week in politics - national and foreign news

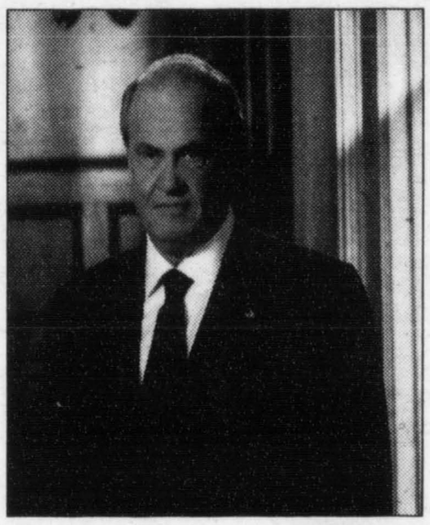
By CHRISTIAN JOHNSON
Flashlight Writer

Thompson Drops Out of Race

Fred Thompson dropped out of the presidential race.

Thompson made his announcement on Jan. 22 while making a visit to Nashville, Tennessee. "Today I have withdrawn my candidacy for President of the United States. I hope that my country and my party have benefited from our having made this effort. Jeri [Thompson's wife] and I will always be grateful for the encouragement and friendship of so many wonderful people," Thompson said.

Last summer the former senator from Tennessee and "Law and Order" actor generated a great deal of hype when he hinted that he planned to run for president. In recent weeks, lackluster campaigning and a poor performance in the South Carolina primary made it difficult for Thompson to move on. Republican rival Mitt Romney said, "His leaving the race is sad for those who were big fans of his but probably helps my effort in terms of bringing together those Reagan coalition individuals."



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Thompson has given up the hope of being president.

Thompson, who described himself as "the only consistent conservative" had a dedicated base of supporters despite the fact that he was criticized for being lazy and undedicated.

In 1994, Thompson replaced Al Gore in the senate once the former Tennessee senator became vice president of the United States under the Clinton Administration. Thompson launched his acting career when he played himself in the 1985 movie "Marie". Some of his other roles include playing President Ulysses S. Grant in the made-for-TV movie "Bury My Hear at Wounded Knee." In 2002, Thompson joined the cast of the popular TV series "Law and Order," where he played New York City District Attorney Arthur Blanch.

Obama Wins South Carolina/Gets Key Endorsement

On Saturday Jan. 26, Illinois Sen. Barack Obama won the South Carolina primary.

He beat rival Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton with 55 percent support to her 27 percent. Trailing in third place with 18 percent was John Edwards who won the state back in 2004.

During his victory speech, Obama addressed the fact that his supporters must stay unified and keep up the momentum, despite the obstacles they may face. "Tonight, the cynics who believed that what began in the snows of Iowa was just an illusion were told a different story by the good people of South Carolina," Obama said.



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Obama trumps Hillary for the South Carolina win.

So far this is Obama's second win in the race to win his party's nomination. The first victory came earlier this month when he won the Iowa caucus.

Statistics show that large numbers of Women and African Americans came out and voted in favor of Obama. "I did not travel around this state over the last year and see a white South Carolina or a black South Carolina," Obama said during his victory speech. "I saw South Carolina." The audience chanted "race doesn't matter" as Obama touched upon the diversity of his supporters. "The choice in this election is not about regions or religions or genders," Obama said. "It's not about rich versus poor, young versus old and it's not about black versus white. It's about the past versus the future."

On Monday, Obama received endorsement from Democratic Senator Ted Kennedy, who is an iconic figure in Congress and the brother of former President John F. Kennedy. "I am proud to stand with him here today and offer my help, offer my voice, offer my energy and my commitment to make Barack Obama the next president of the United States," Kennedy said, during a rally for Obama at American University in Washington, D.C.

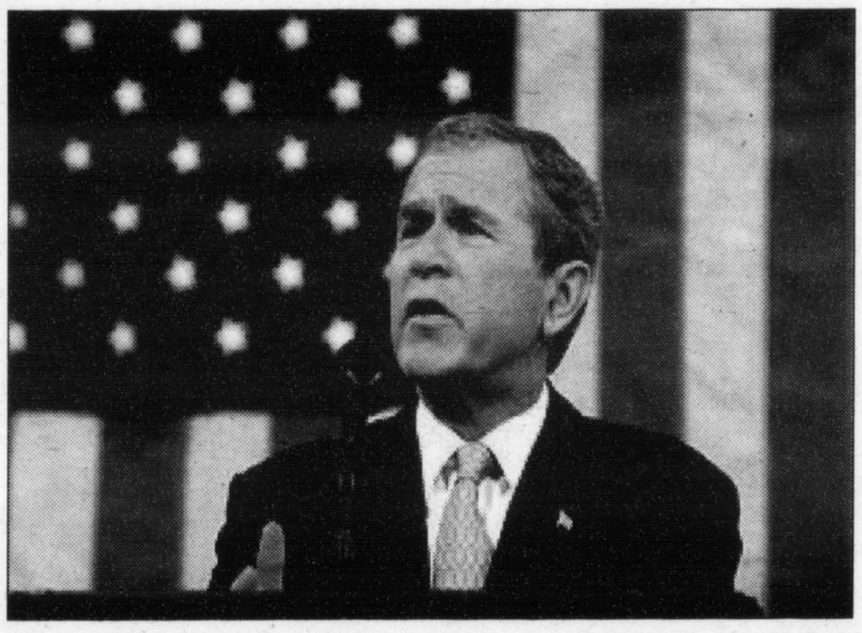
In a related story, Obama gained an endorsement from Pulitzer Prize winning author Toni Morrison. Morrison said that she greatly admires Hillary Clinton but that she decided to join the Obama campaign to embrace his vision of change. In a letter written to the first-term senator, Morrison explained why she decided to endorse him. "In addition to keen intelligence, integrity and a rare authenticity, you exhibit something that has nothing to do with age, experience, race or gender and something I don't see in other candidates," Morrison said.

Bush Delivers Final State of the Union

On Monday President Bush delivered his final state of the Union Address to Congress.

During the address he discussed various things that included the economic stimulus plan, the war in Iraq, education and the troop surge. One of the first things brought up was a strategy to rescue the economy. The president also acknowledged the growing amount of economic uncertainty within the country.

"In the long run, Americans can be confident about our growing economic growth. But in the short run, we can all see that growth is slowing," Bush said. "The temptation will be to load up the bill. That would delay it or derail it, and neither option is acceptable. This is a good agreement that will keep our economy growing and our people working. And this Congress must pass it as soon as possible."



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The President delivered his final state of the Union Address to Congress.

In addition, the president cautioned Congress not to accelerate troop withdrawal out of Iraq until the Iraqi government and military are fully capable of defending themselves.

He also discussed the progress that has been made as a result of the troop surge strategy that was formed over a year ago. "While the enemy is still dangerous and more work remains, the American and Iraqi surges have achieved results few of us could have imagined just one year ago," Bush said. "Among the terrorists there is no doubt, Al Qaeda is on the run in Iraq, and this enemy will be defeated."

President Bush then went on to explain how the success of the troop surge has made it possible to enter a new phase, which includes the redeployment of some troops. He said that soon 20,000 troops will be coming home from Iraq. "In the coming months, four additional brigades and two Marine Battalions will follow suit," Bush said.

Another subject the president touched upon was effort to reduce the growth of greenhouse gases. "The United States is committed to strengthening our energy security and confronting global climate change," said Bush. "And the best way to meet these goals is for America to continue leading the way toward the development of cleaner and more energy efficient technology."

On immigration, the president urged government to secure the borders while dealing with remaining illegal immigrants in a reasonable and humane way. "Yet we also need to acknowledge that we will never fully secure our border until we create a lawful way for foreign workers to come here and support our economy," Bush said.

Long gloves: Not just for 'Breakfast at Tiffany's' anymore

By KIMBERLEE BLOCKER
Flashlight Writer

With all of the latest fashion trends seeming to sprout straight out of the early 60's era, there is one more fashionistas need to add to the list.

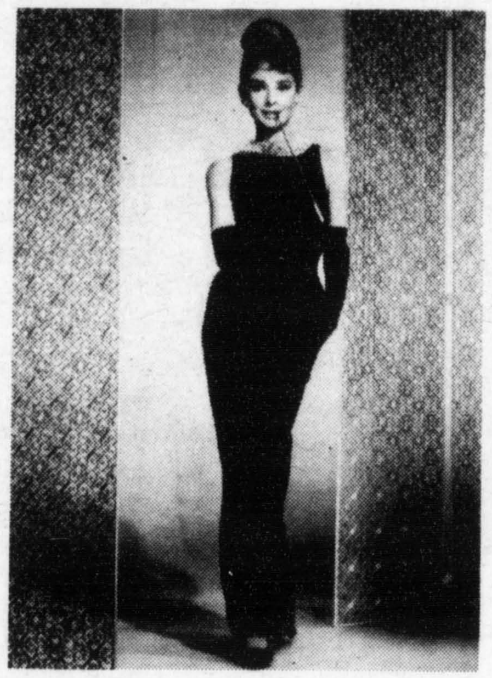
Long gloves are back and in full effect. I'm sure the image of the famous Audrey Hepburn seems to pop in your mind as the long elegant gloves seem to cascade up her arm in the motion picture Breakfast at Tiffany's. Though the gloves may not be as dramatic, but they are creeping up on the arms of modern day styles.

Long gloves are now being worn with the cropped jackets, coats, and heavy, chunky sweaters. It was almost obvious these gloves were going to make a comeback. With such short sleeved jackets the gloves are meant to meet the sleeves of these coats, jackets or sweaters to prevent arms from being cold.

But long gloves have come a long way from just the typical black color. They are now available in metallic's, rush velvets or fingerless to give every consumer more variety. The regular long gloves are meant for outside wear oppose to the fingerless that are meant for just a funkier, fun look.

"I love them," Jessica Lorchy an employee for New York & Company said. "I love the bold spring colors and how sophisticated they make people look. This is one trend I'm glad they brought back."

Dazzled up with gorgeous bangles or rings these gloves are a great addition to any chic outfit. Just like the high waist pants and wide brimmed hats, high gloves require a lot of confidence in order to pull this style off. "You definitely can't just throw them on with a random pair of jeans and think it's going to work," Lorchy said. "It's all about having style."



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Long gloves are no longer a thing of the past.

An classic sound from a new artist

By KIMBERLEE BLOCKER
Flashlight Writer

Chrisette Michele's debut album "I Am" is nothing short of amazing. The old school classic singer was previewed on such hip hop tracks "Can't Forget About You" by Nas and "Lost Ones" by Jay-Z. No longer the hidden singer that everyone questioned, Michele has made it known she is definitely not one to be pushed to the background.

Her first single of the album "If I Had My Way" is a breath of fresh air from the loud bass and monotonous hooks from present day rap. Her sweet yet strong voice gives listeners a feel for a cross between Billie Holiday and Stephine Mills. Michele even collaborates with Will.I.Am on the rhythmatic and catchy "Be Ok" track, and let's all the men out there know she is a one of a kind in the female driven song "Good Girl."

Michele slows it down and mellows you out with the ever so silky song "Mr. Radio" and moves you with the touching song "Your Joy." "I Am" is a CD everyone can relate to. Her sound is one that hasn't been heard for some time and is long overdue. Chrisette Michele is one to look out for because something tells me she'll be around for awhile.



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Keep your eye on Chrisette Michele because she will be climbing the charts over and over again.

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Michelangelo's David may be taking up new residence

By BRITTANY SERAFINI
Flashlight Copy Editor

London has Big Ben. Paris has the Eiffel Tower. New York City has the Statue of Liberty. Florence, Italy, has Michelangelo's David. Well, Florence had Michelangelo's David. Most cities have at least one architectural or artistic piece that attracts tons of tourists ever year. And that's a good thing, for most of them.

Florence officials have decided it's time to move Michelangelo's David because it attracts too many tourists. The marble statue, carved in 1504, is on display in the Accademia gallery, which is right in the center of Florence.

The tourist amount has reached "unsustainable" levels, according to one official.

"Florence has reached an unsustainable level of tourists," Paolo Cocchi, the city's head of culture, said. "The actual site of David in the center of town is logistically unfortunate. It would be beneficial for everyone to move it so that the tourist area can be enlarged and decongested."

Realizing moving such a famous art piece could cause tensions. Cocchi said it is not about arguing over whether or not the statue should be moved.

"We are not opening this matter to a referendum, and we are not dividing ourselves into camps for and against the move. It is simply a question of tourist numbers," Cocchi said.

The city council wants the statue to be moved into a new concert hall being built at Stazione Leopolda, outside of the city's center and on the edge of the city's ring road.

Every year, 1.3 million tickets are sold for the Accademia and David is the main attraction.

David has been in Accademia for 135 years, after being moved from the city's Piazza della Signoria, where it stood as a symbol of Florentine independence. A copy of the statue now stands in the Piazza.

Critics of the move said the council only wanted to move the statue to run a new tramline by the side of the Accademia and the Duomo. There had been fears the tremors from the tram would damage David.

The new chosen site for the statue is the future home of the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino organization, which stages operas and concerts.

The proposed move comes as a shock to those historically involved.

"I am surprised by the request," Cristina Acidini-Luchinat, the head of the city's museum authority, said. "I think the position of the statue is in line with our cultural plans."

Angry airline passengers create a passenger's bill of rights

By NANCY EDWARDS
Flashlight Writer

Being stuck on a grounded airplane for hours seems unbearable. Now eliminate food, water, fresh air and functional bathroom facilities. This has been the case in many incidents over the past few years which has led angry fliers to speak up and demand an Airline Passenger Bill of Rights.

Food, water, fresh air and rest rooms are a few of the necessities airline fliers value. But weather delays and flight difficulties can keep airplanes grounded for hours without any of those accommodations or information regarding the delay.

Kate Hanni, a real estate broker, found herself grounded on an airplane for an unpleasant nine hour experience in December of 2006. Hanni and other angry passengers' drafted a bill of rights which led to the development of the Coalition for an Airline Passengers' Bill of Rights (CAPBOR).

"People are frustrated and the airlines keep saying they have fixed the problem and it's not happening," Hanni said. The CAPBOR is a group petitioning the federal government to take action to ensure airline passengers certain rights if they find themselves on one of these delayed flights.

New York state has passed its own Passenger Bill of Rights which became an effective law beginning Jan. 1, 2008. The law states that airlines with airplanes delayed on the ground for a period of more than three hours must supply their passengers with food, water, clean toilets and fresh air. Airlines could face fines of $1,000 per passenger for failing to provide any of these requests. New York Governor, Eliot Spitzer, signed the Passenger Bill of Rights that ensured passengers on delayed flights in New York state airports to be "provided with basic customer protections."

David Castelveter, a spokesman for the Air Transport Association of America, doesn't agree with states implementing their own laws. He believes it will create confusion between the passengers and the airlines. "You cannot have a hodgepodge of regulations state by state, and expect a carrier to be able to comply on a state by state basis," said Castelveter.

Other states may follow suit with New York and introduce their own bill of rights. States including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Michigan, Indiana and Washington are in the process of constructing bills similar to New York's law. Airline advocates hope that if enough of these individual states pass their own laws, the federal government will step in and create a national law.

Kate Hanni's fight against the airlines has taken flight. "I don't know anyone else who would stick his or her neck out to create a coalition to take on the airlines, every day, and do it for nothing," Hanni said. "But I have to, because passengers have no lobby. There's a callous disregard for passengers."

The Democratic race for the Presidential nomination is causing tension between two

By ISAAC PRAGLE
Flashlight Writer

Over the course of the last month, tensions have raised between Democratic presidential hopefuls Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama. The issues of race and their general character have taken on a life of their own forcing other issues to take a back seat and leaving a lot more questions, rather than answers.

Here is a play by play on the month of January for the Democratic hopefuls.

The first primary was held in Iowa on Jan. 3. Obama taking first place and Clinton coming in third forced her campaign to have to make some changes prior to the next election.

After leading in the polls in New Hampshire, Obama comes in a close second to Clinton. Many speculate that people changed their minds at the last minute about voting for an African American candidate, fueling the race issue in this election.

On the morning of Jan. 15, both sides called for an end to the bickering over the issues of race and gender. That has now been seen clearly since early November from both candidates. Obama was the first to make a statement, followed shortly after by the Clinton campaign. This did not last very long, due to a mistake on the part of Clinton when she made a comment about the civil rights movement that seemed to down play the role of Martin Luther King Jr. and his supporters. "Dr. King's dream began to be realized when President Lyndon B .Johnson passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964.... It took a president to get it done," said Clinton.



GOOGLE IMAGES
Obama and Clinton face off in the primary race.

The comment sparked a lot of criticism from the African American community and was a setback for the Clinton campaign, although she would go on to take Michigan that night.

The debate held in Las Vegas on Jan.16 seemed to go peacefully for the democrats. The first 20 minutes of the debate were devoted to the issues of race and gender and the roles they play in the election. This came to a stop when someone in the audience called for a stop to all the race based questions. Catching the moderators, who were Brian Williams and Tim Russert, the debate then continued without any mention of the topic. Both candidates were then quick to comment that race should not be playing any role in this election.

Clinton would go on to win the Nevada primary on Jan 19.

The next major confrontation between the two came on Jan 22 at a debate in South Carolina. The entire debate was a back and forth between the two as they tried to pick apart each other over different things like Clinton's position on the board at Wal Mart and Obama's representation of a Chicago slumlord when he was a lawyer.

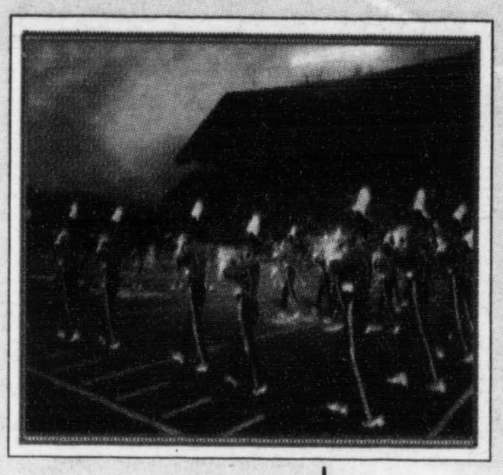
Obama also made the comment that he did not know who he was running against, Hillary or Bill. The debate ended up being one mudslinging match and when it was all said and done, John Edwards summed it up by telling his supporters "I was proud to represent the grown-up wing of the Democratic Party last night," Edwards said.

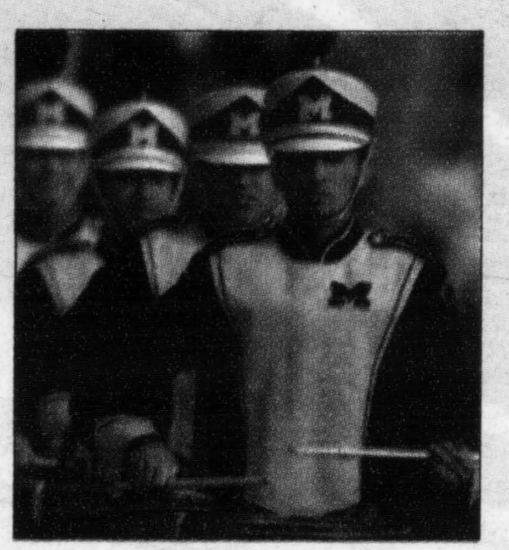
Obama would end up going on to win South Carolina on Jan 26 with 55 percent of the vote over Hillary's 27 percent.

The next major test for all candidates is Super Tuesday, on February 5. Twenty four states will be voting including New York and California.

Although both candidates do not want to have the issues of race or gender come up in the election, clearly it is something that will. Never before has there had to be a decision made like this in America and it will be interesting to see where all of this goes in November.

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The very first half-time show was performed by the University of Arizona and the University of Michigan



At superbowl IV the year was 1970 and the performer was Carol Channing. Today, Channing is most known for her role in the musical "Hello Dolly"

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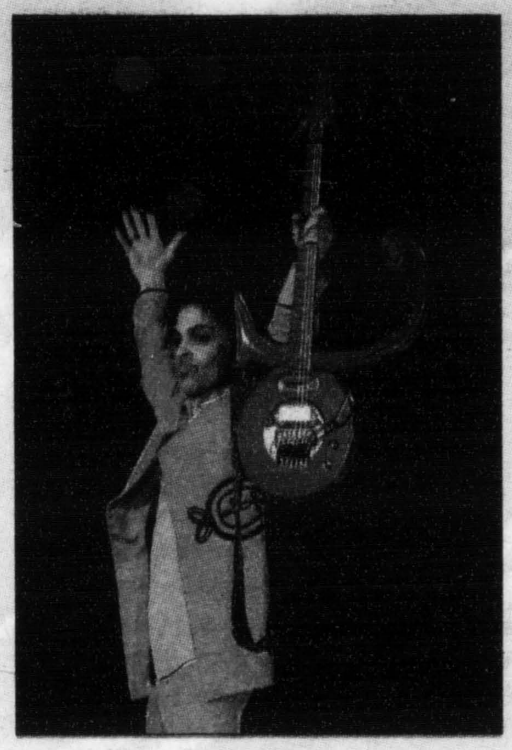


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— Last year Prince took us back on a nostalgic journey back to 1984 when he kicked off the performance with the hit, "Let's Go Crazy"





In 2001 Aerosmith teamed up with then popular boy band Nsync to remix their classic hit, "Walk this Way"



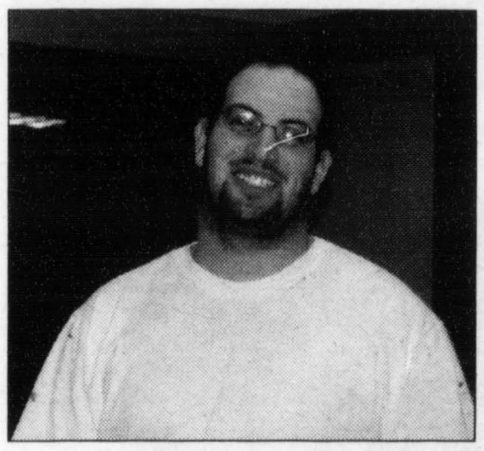
Almost everyone in America is well aware of the wardrobe malfunction from the 2004 Superbowl halftime. But the question is can anyone remember what songs they actually performed? It was "All for You", "Rhythm Nation" and Rock your Body"



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Patriots searching for perfection



As most people know, the New England Patriots will take on the New York Giants in the Super Bowl on Sunday in Glendale Arizona. Most pre-season predictions had the Patriots having a great shot at winning their fourth Super Bowl in seven years and having to battle either the Colts or Chargers for the AFC. This turned out to be mostly true as the Colts played the Patriots close in week nine of the regular season. The Colts actually had a 20-13 lead until the Patriots came back to win 24-20. The Chargers got blown out by New England in week two but hung tough in the conference championship last week, but couldn't score a touchdown losing 21-12.

The Giants were considered to be in the second tier of the weaker NFC to the Bears and Seahawks. The Bears had a terrible season and didn't make the playoffs and the Seahawks lost to the Packers who the Giants beat to get to the Super Bowl.

I enjoy discussing sports so I'm going to talk about the key players in the game and how they got to where they are.

First the Giants. Eli Manning caused a lot of controversy before he ever played a down in the NFL. The San Diego Chargers had the first pick in the 2004 draft and chose Manning with the pick who refused to play for the Chargers. The Chargers traded Manning to the Giants for Philip Rivers.

Amid the controversy, Manning has had a terrific post-season. His brother Peyton did not win a playoff game until his fifth season in the NFL, this is Eli's fourth and Peyton didn't play in the super bowl until his ninth season in the league. All this doesn't mean Eli is better but that he got hot at the right time.

Running backs Brandon Jacobs and Ahmad Bradshaw both took odd paths to the NFL.

Jacobs looks more like a linebacker than a running back at 6'4" 260 pounds. He can run over defenders and has deceptive speed for a guy his size. But while at college at Auburn he took a backseat to Ronnie Brown and Carnell Williams, both of whom were top 10 picks in the 2005 NFL draft. Jacobs wanted to play so he transferred to division 1-AA Southern Illinois where he got recognized by NFL scouts and got drafted in the fourth round in the 2005 draft by the Giants.

Bradshaw went to Marshall University, a small division I school and was drafted in the seventh round by the Giants. Bradshaw started the season as the kick-returner but lost the job due to early fumble problems.

But late in the season Bradshaw has been a nice change of pace back to replace Jacobs. So the Giants ground game is led by a guy that had to transfer to get himself noticed and a guy who was barely drafted. It's kind of like the Patriots passing game.

Speaking of the Patriots, their quarterback was an afterthought in the 2000 draft. Tom Brady wasn't until the sixth round, 199 overall in the draft.

Quarterbacks like Giovanni Carmazzi, Tee Martin and Spergon Wynn were drafted ahead of Brady. It's ok if you said who? to any of those names.

But one thing Brady does have is a great supporting cast. He's got a first round running back in Laurence Maroney and a great offensive line.

Brady also has some great targets to throw the ball to.

Tight ends Ben Watson form a nice tight end combination and Jabar Gaffney and former first round pick of the Saints Donte Stallworth are solid number three and four receivers.

Wes Welker tied for the league lead in catches this year with 112. Not bad for a guy who wasn't even drafted coming out of college in 2004. The 5'9" Welker was picked up by the Chargers as a rookie free agent (able to sign with any team) but was released early in the season. He was picked up by the Dolphins but traded this off-season to the Patriots. A pretty good pick-up by New England.

Randy Moss is making the front office personnel of the Patriots look like geniuses by trading just a fourth round pick in the 2007 draft to get Moss. All he has done is lead the league in touchdown catches and break the league record for touchdowns in a season.

It didn't always look like Moss was going to be a great player. He signed a letter of intent to play at Notre Dame, but the scholarship was revoked for getting in a fight and received probation and 30 days in jail. While at Florida State he tested positive for marijuana and was released of his scholarship there.

Moss ended up at Marshall University and made a name for himself and was drafted in the first round by the Vikings.

Like a lot of players in this Super Bowl, Moss was over looked by teams when he came out of the draft, and also when he was on the trading block by the Raiders this off-season. He is proving he can still play.

With players like this in the Super Bowl and many more like them that I didn't mention and history on the line with New England trying to go 19-0; it should be a fun game to watch.



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Letter to the Editor

To The Editor:

Since graduating, I have often involved myself with university functions. As an Alumni, and even as a student, I feel and felt it was my responsibility to help develop student involvement by demonstration of leadership. After all, Mansfield prides itself through its slogan "Developing Tomorrow's Leaders." Yet as I look back, I worry about the future of student activities, having only one word come to mind- apathy.

I do not fault the university for this. After all, any institute of higher learning's primary goal is academic. But when I look back at all the things students could have made a huge difference on and failed to do so, boggles my mind, and I cite two examples of such.

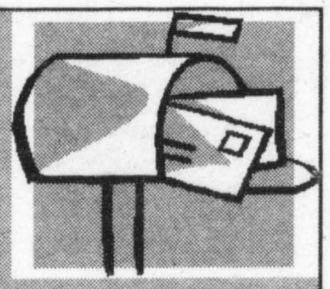
First was in 2004-05 when the University Senate decided to take away the student vote. While they would still have representation, their voting privelages would be (and were) suspended. The proposal was submitted by Dr. Timko, who later admitted that if a large show of support by the student body was seen, he would have withdrawn the motion. When I say large scale, I mean a quarter to one third of the student body. Yet how many students actually attended the meeting, or for that matter, rallied outside or did anything else? A pathetic twenty, myself included. Whether or not I actually agreed with the proposal in the first place is irrelevant, as people speculated that indeed I agreed with Dr. Timko and did not invoke my full potential. To that I say well then why didn't someone else step up? Whoever disagreed with my motives were free to do so, and at least I knew they too had student interest and involvement at heart. But in the end, they were all just words and nobody else took initiative. The point is we few stood in support of 4000, when rightfully, it should have been 4000 in support of 4000.

The second example is when the trustees decided to axe the football program. This decision could not have been easy for a newly installed president. Emotions flew high. But what was actually done in support of the program? Sure, there were petitions on the internet, and a few random others who spoke out on campus. But as far as I know, there were no real large scale events, no banding together as a student body (or community), nothing. Even at the meeting itself, I drove three hours to address the board, offer counter proposals, and speak on the team's behalf. While the ultimate decision stood, it sickened me to see that there was nobody else there in support. Even team members and coaches were not there. Granted, they may have known for sure the outcome anyway so they may have figured why waste their time? Of this I can't be sure. But I do know that at the very least, a cohesion of university brotherhood would have been symbolic. Instead, the message was "The decision has been made, we don't care anymore."

Now, Mansfield, thanks to the Mansfield Foundation, has a new leadership program as well as a minor in Leadership Studies. The program itself and idea behind it is commendable. But how sad is it that we now need college coursework to tell people how to be leaders? I can save an entire semester by summing it up in one word- initiative. Dr. Murray's work is now done for half of a year. All it takes is one person with one idea and some unconventional thinking. My professors taught me how to think outside-the-box if nothing else. The rest was up to me. And that is what students need to get through their heads- it is up to them. If dictating policy to students and cutting their own football team, thereby dooming a traditional homecoming is not enough to rally students to stand tall and proud, then I do not know what it will take. And whether or not successful is not the point. The idea is to work as a community; to speak as one voice. Students need to be involved in their school through more than just Greek Life and sports teams. If nothing else, it'll save four years of boredom. At the most, you can elicit real change. And in the end, you were the ones who brought it. But it should not have to wait until a specific catastrophe is imminent. It should be an ongoing process. For that to happen, what will it take?

-Dan Bechtel
Mansfield University Alumnus, 2005

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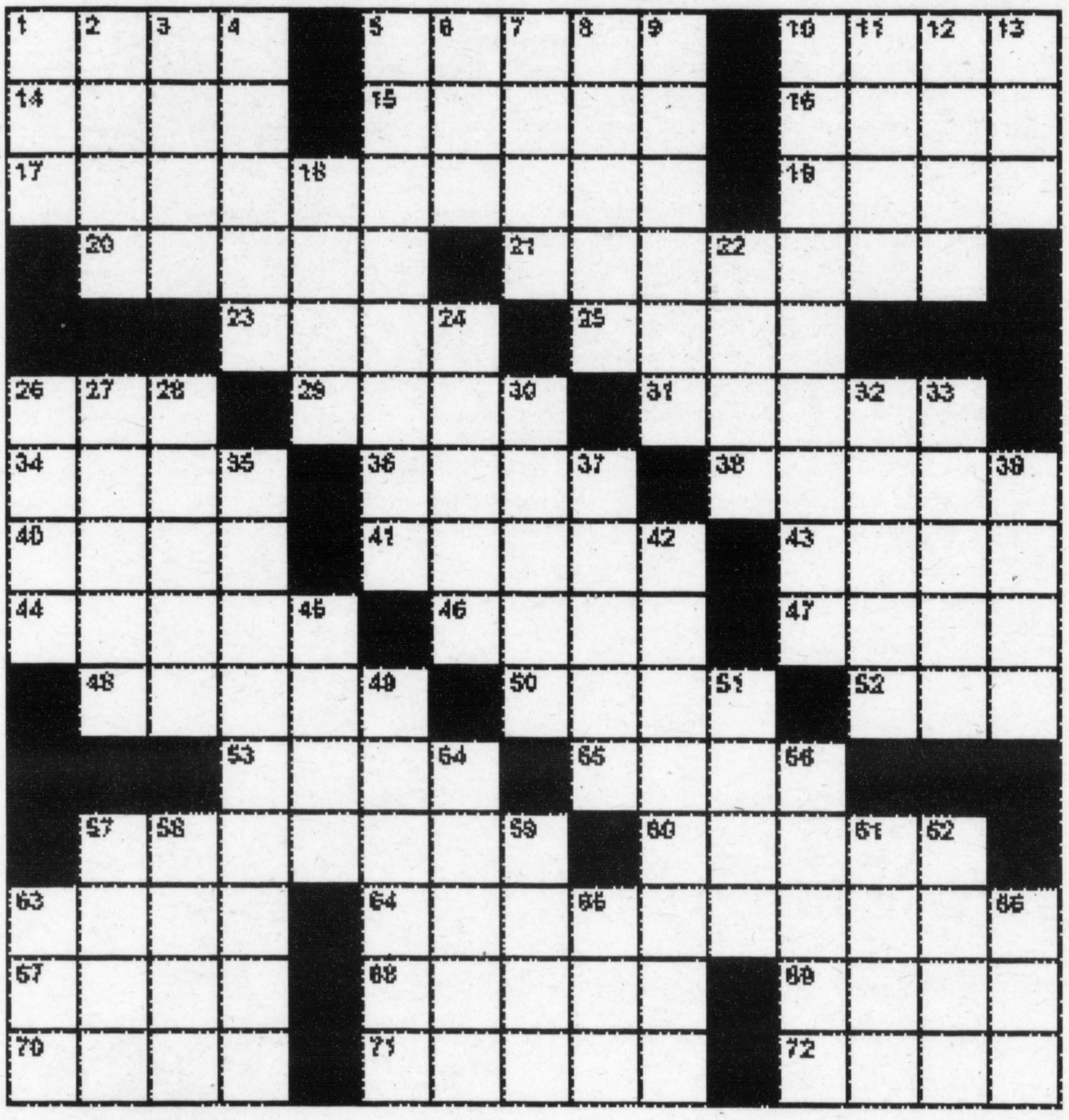
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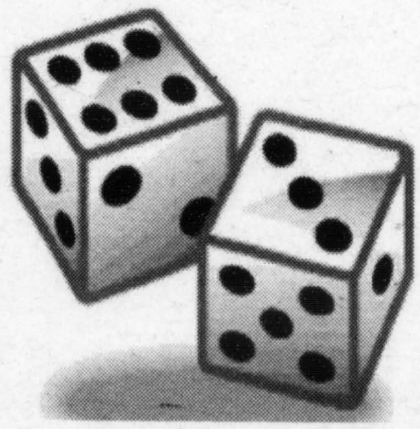


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17. Single performance
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23. Large ice cube, for short
25. Depend (on)
26. Tolkein critter
29. Racing vehicle for kids
31. Pay
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38. Holiday extra from work
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43. Pro _____ (According to a rate)
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47. Sassy child
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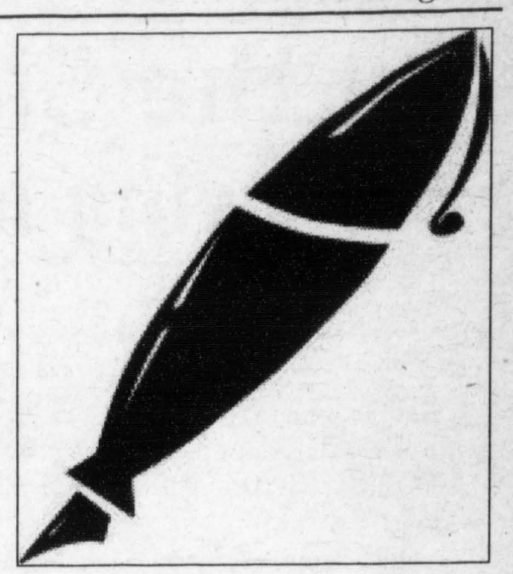
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9. Green beret SSgt Barry
10. Ralph and Alice Cramden
11. South-west Indian
12. "Smart" guy
13. Twenty-fifth letter
18. Kirk's voyage
22. Commoner
24. Fido's warning
26. Look with lust
27. Disturbs
28. Fishing container
30. Bulbous rose alternative
32. Like a bush speech
33. Private teacher
35. Author of The Iceman Cometh
37. Look over, briefly
39. Aver, avow or declare
42. Western Union's email alternative
45. Slangy agreement
49. Whine in Yiddish
51. Famous scatter
54. Mountain Dew exclamation
56. Lancelot's thrust
57. Pocketed bread
58. Rivulet
59. Virginia school, for short
61. Patronage
62. Sound like a mad dog
63. Vigor's partner
65. Bud's partner
66. Charles, to his friends



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Talk to Tarreto



Dear Tarreto,

My so called "best friend" and I have been fighting for months. One of our main arguments is that she is buddy buddy with my ex-boyfriend whom I dated for almost two years, and we had a really bad break up. I really want to tell her to stop hanging out with him because it is wrong, but at the same time I know that it is unfair to do so. It hurts me a lot that she is still friends with him. As far as I was concerned, there was this unwritten rule for best friends about not befriending an ex. What do you think? How should we go about fixing this disagreement?

Sincerely,
Fair or Unfair

Dear Fair/Unfair,

Ah yes, the old "unspoken friend rule." It is true that many people know and follow such rules as: "always tell her she's got food in her teeth," "if she likes him you don't," and in your case, "you hate her ex as much, if not more, than she does." However the problem with these supported and time honored friend rules is that they are unspoken and for some people they may just honestly not know that such rules exist. Your best friend might truly not know what a friend faux pas she committed. It does seem as though you've expressed your want for her to not be friends with him though, so I don't think that's the problem here.

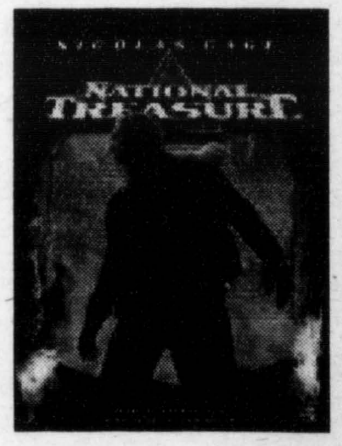
I'm betting that you, your ex, and your best friend were all part of a close group of friends hence, making it difficult for her to just stop being friends with him, and you seem to recognize that this request is a little unfair of you to make. You feel that your request is a little unfair but at the same time you feel her behavior is a little unfair too. This sounds the perfect situation for a compromise to me. Maybe you could work out some sort of agreement like, they can hang out but she must promise to never talk about him in front of you and you in front of him, or some other thing that would satisfy you both.

You might also want to think about why it bothers you so much that they're friends. Is it possible you're a little jealous she still gets to be friends with him when you feel you can't? Or, is a friendship with your ex, or at least a working relationship, something you could work towards so that your friend doesn't have to split her time? Are you secretly afraid she's now going to put the moves on him and they'll end up together, leaving you alone? If so, would stating this fear to your friend and talking about it help? Obviously there's some communication issues happening here, when and how you approach the issue is up to you but I would suggest going about it humbly and being open and trying to see her side of things (that type of stuff is helpful in any conflict). You might even try this tried and true statement, inserting your own responses: I feel _____ when _____ because_____. It's direct but not attacking. You might even want to get the ex in on the discussion. Either way, I think sitting down and talking this through like adults would help even if it just sets parameters. Good luck!

*Corey Tarreto is not a professional and her responses to your questions should not be taken as advice. If you need professional assistance, please contact the Counseling Center in Hemlock or the Advocacy Center in Pinecrest.

How well do you know National Treasure

1. What is the souvenir that Ben buys in the gift shop of the National Archives Building that costs him $35 plus tax?
   a. Duplicate of the Declaration of Independence
   b. Duplicate of the New England Current
   c. Replica of Independence Hall
   d. Duplicates of the Silence Dogood letters
2. What alias did Ben give Abigail, when he and Riley share their concerns for the safety of the Declaration of Independence at the National Archives Building?
   a. Paul Brown
   b. Leonard Shaw
   c. Riley Poole
   d. Ian Chase
3. After Ben jumps from the U.S.S. Intrepid into the Hudson, where is it that he ends up when he comes up from the water?
   a. New York
   b. Parkington Lane
   c. Pennsylvania
   d. New Jersey
4. Where are the original Silence Dogood Letters, according to Patrick Henry Gates?
   a. Aboard the Charlotte
   b. Ben's apartment in New York
   c. Franklin Institute in Philadelphia
   d. Independence Hall in Philadelphia
5. What is needed to read the invisible ink on the back of the Declaration of Independence?
   a. Cold
   b. Vinegar
   c. Water
   d. Heat
6. Ben is the first from his family to finally get a lead from the clue that Charles gave Thomas Gates. What was the clue?
   a. Name of a ship
   b. Name of a person
   c. Name of a city
   d. Name of an item
7. The clue from the Silence Dogood letters led Ben to this historic place for the next clue?
   a. Capitol Building
   b. Old North Church
   c. White House
   d. Independence Hall
8. Who starred in the movie as Ben Gates?
   a. Jack Voight
   b. Nicholas Cage
   c. Gene Hackman
   d. Jack Nicklaus



On the Sidelines with Tricia Learn:
Following in her sister's footsteps

By NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

"It was the longest five seconds I can remember," sophomore swimmer, Sarah Koontz, explained. "When the time showed, Tricia threw her arms up in the air and we knew she had made it."

After Saturday's swim meet against Cal (PA), Koontz depicted for me the events leading up to fellow teammate, Tricia Learn's, PSAC qualifying race in the 200 yard backstroke.

Tricia Learn, a junior originally from Troy, who claims her hometown to be Mansfield, will be going to the PSAC championship this year with two years of PSAC experience already under her belt. She currently participates in track and cross country at Mansfield University, in addition to being on the swim team. She holds the school record in the 1650 yard freestyle in swimming and has placed first in the 200 freestyle, 200 medley relay and 1000 yard freestyle in her past two meets against East Stroudsburg and Wells College/ University of Pitt-Bradford.

Koontz began by saying that the clocks used to time the races at Cal (PA) were different from what the team was used to. "The clocks showed the swimmers time after every 50 yards of the race, including the last 50. Most clocks just show the final time," Koontz said. Learn was neck and neck with her competitor from Millersville. Her teammates were fixated on the time clock at the side of the pool. "Her 50 splits were right where they needed to be, right on the boarder." They knew Learn was close to qualifying for the PSAC's. With 50 yards left in her race, every member of the Mansfield team was at the end of the pool screaming and cheering on their teammate. "It was the loudest we've ever been. All we could do was our best to encourage and cheer Tricia to race her and catch her."

After Tricia touched the final wall to end the race, the team was focused on the clock, eager for the final, total time. Because the timing system was different, they had only seen her last 50 yard split time. "We all stood there, staring at the clock, frozen. It was the longest five seconds I can remember."

When the final time showed, the girls starting jumping and screaming over Tricia's qualifying time of 2:16.67. "Tricia was so happy. She had a huge smile on her face. You could just see it in her shoulders." Relief, excitement, and a sense of accomplishment seemed to echo throughout her entire body. "Every once and a while she would just shake her arms and say something along the lines of 'I made it, I qualified,'" Koontz said.

Both of us rushing to meet one another after our last class on Thursday, Tricia and I met in the library to conduct this interview. I have to admit, I was worried that I wouldn't cover everything this individual has accomplished throughout her years at Mansfield University, let alone everything she has done in the past couple of months for the swim team. Nonetheless, I was very pleased to have met someone truly dedicated to, not only her athletics, but also her family, friends, and teammates.

Nicole Hagan: How long have you been swimming?
Tricia Learn: I've been swimming since I was four years old.

NH: I heard you were home schooled. Did that have any affect on your swimming? Did it make it harder to compete?
TL: Not really. My Dad has been my coach ever since I first started swimming, so I never had a problem with competing.

NH: What team did your dad coach that enabled you to participate in swimming?
TL: The team is the Troy Mariners Swim Team. I swam with them until I was 18.

NH: Is your dad the reason you became interested in swimming?
TL: My dad was probably the biggest reason. Everyone in my family swims though.

NH: I heard your dad is also a teacher at a high school, so why did your family decide to home school you?
TL: Yeah, my dad is a biology teacher actually. I really have no idea why we were home schooled though. My Mom just didn't want us to go I guess.

NH: Did you play any other sports growing up?
TL: I played soccer from the age of six until about eighth grade and I also played softball from six years old until ninth grade. I was a pitcher.

NH: You run track here at Mansfield also. Is it difficult being on both the track team and the swim team?
TL: Not really. My coaches help mediate what I'm doing throughout the season. During swimming, I'll still run and train for track and during track I'll still get in the pool and practice for the swim team.

NH: When did you start running track?
TL: I started cross country and track back in seventh grade.

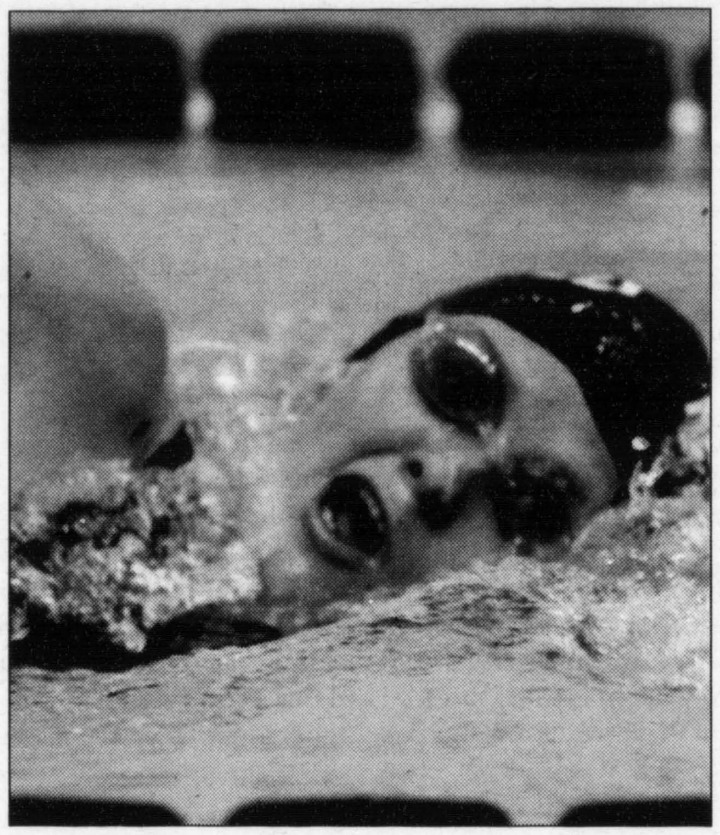
NH: Why did you decide to stick with swimming and track and not softball or soccer?
TL: I think I've always just been better at running than the team sports like softball and soccer. Often there are also politics and unneeded drama involved with team sports. For me, it's better just depending on the clock and myself as an individual.

NH: Why did you decide to come to Mansfield University?
TL: My older sister Charity ran here. She also did cross country, track and a little bit of swimming.

NH: Was it an adjustment coming to college after being home schooled?
TL: I actually adjusted really well when I first came to college. Getting up and making speeches in front of a class was somewhat weird, but other than that, it wasn't that big of a deal.

NH: I hear you maintain a pretty high grade point average. Has school always been something that comes first for you?
TL: Yeah, I've gotten 4.0's a couple of times and my GPA is somewhere around 3.97 or something like that. I always try to do my best in school. I try not to miss classes unless we have a swim meet.

NH: How do you train to get prepared for your swim season? Your teammate, Sarah Koontz, was telling me that last summer you were in Alaska with your sister Charity and you nowhere near a pool. How did you practice?
TL: In Alaska, I biked about 16-20 miles per day. There were no pools around so, when I could, I'd get into this lake they had up there and swim.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Tricia Learn qualified for the PSAC championship in the 200 backstroke her first year of competing in the solo event.

NH: I've never been to Alaska and really have no idea what it would be like to go swimming in a lake up there. Was it extremely cold?
TL: Actually, during the summer, the temperature can get up to the 80's and normally stays somewhere in the 70's, so it wasn't too bad.

NH: Why did your sister move to Alaska?
TL: She's not a fan of being around a lot of people and she's always loved the woods, so Alaska worked out well for her.

NH: I also heard that Charity held records in track here at Mansfield. Do you remember what records she held?
TL: She held the 5k, 10k, the mile run at one point, the DMR relay record and Steeple Chase for outdoors.

NH: How do you think the swim team has done so far this season and how do you think they've progressed throughout?
TL: I think we've improved a lot this season. Everybody has been getting personal bests lately and everyone has been getting along as a team. We actually won our first meet a few weeks ago.

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NH: For that reason, that fact that it's hard to win a meet; do you ever see having only nine girls on the team as a negative factor?
TL: Sometimes you can get overwhelmed but now we're pretty used to it. We all just try to focus on doing our individual bests when we go into meets and try not to worry about who wins the meet overall.

NH: So far, what has been your most difficult task to overcome through college swimming?
TL: I'd have to say getting up at five in the morning can be difficult. You're tired and you have classes afterwards and sometimes it's just hard.

NH: How about the fact that everyone who's going to the PSAC Championship still has to do double practices everyday?
TL: I actually like doing doubles, they make me feel stronger.

NH: What has been your most rewarding experience through college swimming?
TL: Improving all my times each time I go out is rewarding. Coach Fox has helped me become better overall throughout the years.

NH: The past two meets you've done exceptionally well, breaking the 200 yard backstroke pool record in a tri-meet against Pitt-Bradford and placing first in the 1000 yard freestyle and 200 yard backstroke against East Stroudsburg. What do you attribute your recent success to?
TL: I've been lifting weights and the doubles over winter break helped me out a lot.

NH: I hear your family is very involved with sports and athletics. Is that true? If so, how are they involved?
TL: Like I said earlier, my Dad coaches swimming. All of my siblings swim and run. I have three younger sisters and a younger brother who's five years old. My sisters are all on the swim team and run for track. My little brother actually ran a 5k race. My Mom runs, as well as my Dad, but she doesn't swim like my Dad does. Aside from my Mom, everyone in my family swims for the Northern Tier Aquatic Club. It runs from November to March and the club swims here at Mansfield in the pool at Decker Gymnasium. That's where I swam during high school too. I swam as an individual at district and states through the club.

NH: What would you say is your biggest motivation? Would it be your family since they're all so involved?
TL: Just being able to say that I've done it, that I swam in college, is my biggest motivation, alongside my parents.

NH: Who's been your biggest influence or role model and why?
TL: My Dad because he's helped me so much and has never given up on me.

NH: What are or were your goals for this season?
TL: One of my goals was to make it to the PSAC Championship in the 200 yard backstroke, which I did. However, I'd also like to make it in the 1650 yard freestyle and possibly the 400 yard individual medley.

NH: That reminds me, why did you decide to start swimming the backstroke and when did you start swimming it? Was this a recent thing or did you decide you were going to swim it since the beginning of the season?
TL: I started in the beginning of the season swimming the backstroke in relays. I worked on it in practice and instantly took off four seconds from my time. Coach worked with me and I worked on my dolphin kick and ended up shaving another four seconds off of my time. I recently decided to race the individual backstroke. Each time I race I seem to get better. During the Pitt Bradford tri-meet, I was .16 off of making it to the PSAC's and in this last meet at Cal. (PA), I finally did.

NH: Tell me about the Cal. (PA) meet. What was going through your head before the race and how did you feel going into the race?
TL: Wow. Well I was thinking I was really tired from the eight races I had already done the past two days and I wasn't sure if I was going to be able to pull it off. But, I prayed for God to help me and I remembered Coach's advice to mentally shake off what we were feeling and go for it.

NH: So, it was a pretty difficult race for you?
TL: Yeah. I definitely had to put my all into it.

NH: Would you say that you were trying to race the clock more during this event or your competitor?
TL: It was all about the clock. I didn't even look at the place until I saw my time. After that, it didn't matter. I was so happy.

NH: I heard everyone on the team was on the edge of their seat the whole time. What was the atmosphere like after you won?
TL: The time board didn't show the final time for what felt like minutes, even though it was really only five seconds. We were all just sitting there, waiting, and then when they saw I made it, all you could hear was screams. Once I got out, I got lots of hugs.

NH: Do you have any special plans now to prepare for the PSAC's?
TL: Yeah. Just get back in the water and keep training hard, doing doubles, running and lifting weights.

NH: What is your major?
TL: Geography with a concentration in mapping technology.

NH: What are your plans for after graduation?
TL: I really don't know what I'm going to be doing after graduation yet. Over the summer I plan to go back to Alaska and work at the National Wildlife Refuge again.

NH: Explain to me what it's like to be a part of the swim team here at Mansfield.
TL: It's a lot of fun. Sometimes we get crazy, but it's a lot of fun.

NH: Is there anything else you'd like to add?
TL: I'd like to add just how much I appreciate Coach Fox and all she has done for me personally and the rest of the team. I will miss her greatly next year since this is her last season. I'd also like to add that my teammates are great and that I thank God because without either, none of this would be possible.

Annual baseball clinic proves successful

By CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University baseball team plays an important part for many youths when it comes to the development of their baseball skills by hosting a clinic for the past 22 years.

Head Coach Harry Hillson has been hosting clinics all 22 years of his head coaching career. Most of the kids who come to these clinics know that Coach Hillson has many achievements under his belt that prove that the clinics help kids improve their skills. Some of his achievements include taking the Mountaineers to nine PSAC east division championships, three North Atlantic Regional Championships and three trips to the Division II World Series.

Coach Hillson has helped 22 Mountaineers to be named All-Americans, which is more than any other Northern Division II school. He has also helped 17 players advance to professional baseball careers. Some of these players include pitchers Greg Martin, who signed with the Montreal Expos in 2002, Chris Zallie for the Boston Red Sox in 1998, Kris Kann who was an 11th round pick in 1999 by the Houston Astros and the 1999 Milwaukee Brewers 15th round pick Chris McGee.

The clinics are worked by members of the Mountaineer baseball team. They are assigned specific dates and times for which they work. This way the kids can meet more than just one group of the players.

"These kids really enjoy coming and are excited to have a chance to hang out and learn from these players who they look up to," Hillson said.

These clinics were partially designed to help the team afford their trip to Fort Pierce in Florida this year. The team will spend about half a month in Florida starting March 5 in which they will play 12 games. The only PSAC games they will play will be two games against Slippery Rock University on March 9 and March 13, both starting at 12:30.

Helping pay for their trip to Florida is not the only reason why these clinics exist. The baseball team wants to help give back to the community by helping the kids develop their future in baseball. The kids get a chance to learn from baseball players who worked hard to get where they are today. They get a chance to learn from players who have known how hard it is to go through many practices, games and training camps. The clinics show the kids where they could be if they work as hard as the Mountaineer baseball players. The clinics also help the kids get to the point in their lives where they are playing Division I college baseball.



SPORTS INFORMATION
The Mansfield Baseball team hosts baseball clinics every year to teach young players how to improve their game.

The latest clinic was the Christmas Clinic that was held for four days starting December 27 through the 30. Cost to individual kids ages 7-18 was $35 a session and cost to groups of ten players or more was $25 per player.

Mountaineer men's basketball team struggles in conference play

By Nicole Hagan and Danelle Miller
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The Mountaineer men's basketball team had a shaky start in their first three games against PSAC east teams, standing 0-3 in the conference.

The men opened their conference season with an 88-75 loss to Kutztown University on Jan. 16, a 74-68 loss to Millersville University on Jan. 19 and an 82-77 loss against Cheyney University on Jan. 26.

Their only win over the past two weeks was against the University of District of Columbia (UDC), their final non-conference game, on Jan. 23. Mansfield defeated UDC in an 85-82 overtime win.

Rich Miller, head coach of the men's basketball team, commented on the past three conference games.

"The PSAC east is strong this year," Miller said. "We have some very tough opponents coming up. I told our players before the conference season began that we are going to have to bring our "A" game every night if we are going to be successful. I still believe that is true. I know we have the potential to play at a higher level than we have played over the last three games. We will need to reach that level if we are going to do well in the conference."

The men's opening conference game at Kutztown started out well for Mansfield as they held the Golden Bears scoreless for the first six minutes.

Their lead would not last, however, as Kutztown slowly chipped away at the point spread. Towards the end of the first half, the Golden Bears went on a 16-0 scoring run. When the halftime buzzer sounded, Kutztown walked into their locker room with 40-27 lead.

Dhimitri Luarasi, a sophomore forward, led Mansfield in scoring with a career high 24 points during the game.

"Coming into the Kutztown game, our first PSAC east game, I wanted to win. We had been previously successful in the non-conference season and I just wanted to keep it going. Unfortunately, we had a hard time overcoming a few obstacles," Luarasi said. "Kevin Hill wasn't having a good game and Chris Greene got elbowed in the head, resulting in a cut, so he had to sit out for a few minutes. We weren't doing a good job at getting low down touches to the big guys either. I just happened to be hitting my shots that day along with John Hampton who also shot well during the game. So while a few guys may have put up some points, we didn't play well as a team."

Kutztown stretched the lead to as many as 19 points in the second half. Mansfield tried to answer back, reducing the lead to eight points at the 12:25 mark, but they never got any closer, falling 88-75. "Versus Kutztown, we were a little impatient on offense," Miller said. "We tried to force some shots and shot the ball poorly from the field. Our poor shooting lead to a lot of transition opportunities for Kutztown and easy baskets. Dhimitri Luarasi played a solid game for us on offense though."

Three days later, the men's basketball team traveled to Millersville where they suffered their second defeat. It proved to be a physical game with 56 combined fouls, five technical fouls and three players from Mansfield fouling out of the game. The players from Mansfield who fouled out were freshman forward, Yuseff Carr, junior point guard, Chris Greene and Luarasi.

John Hampton, a senior guard who put-up 18 points that night, commented on the fouls.

"The referees made some iffy calls during the game," Hampton said. "I think they were too easy to make calls with some of the physical contact. We were just ready to play. Brandon Lawley came out and was physically ready to play."

Brandon Lawley, senior forward, saw the physical atmosphere as a motivator, rather than a deterrent.

"The sounds of people shouting and the energy that was there was amazing," Lawley said. "My team was focused and Millersville was focused and we knew it was going to be a battle and that's the reason why there were so many fouls accounted for. The game was physical because of our tempo and the way we practice. We practice hard, relentless and with heart; that's why the game was so physical."

The lead switched back and forth during the game. For the first ten minutes, neither team had more than a three point advantage over the other. With 5:15 left in the first half, Mansfield led 27-20 with a three-pointer from Luarasi. The seven point lead was the largest Mansfield had in the first half, but it would not last. Millersville came back the last five minutes to lead 36-28 at halftime.

"We didn't start out bad," Hampton said. "We played pretty well for the first ten minutes, but then we started giving up second chance opportunities and dug ourselves a hole. There were also some key turnovers that we gave up, so we couldn't get a score. We gave up rebounds and missed some box-outs, having had problems with guarding the zone defense. We had a chance to win, but ultimately let it slip away."

The Mountaineers tried to battle back in the second half. For the first eight minutes, Mansfield went on a 19-5 scoring run. Millersville bounced back and the close scoring spread continued. With 7:04 to go, the score was tied 54-54. A three-pointer by Millersville's Zac Bauermaster, less than two minutes later, gave the lead back to Millersville where it would remain for the rest of the game. The final score was 74-68 Millersville.

Armen Henderson, senior guard for Mansfield, commented on the heartbreaking loss.

"It was a frustrating game we should have won," Henderson said. "There were a lot of little things that lost us the game. Defensively, we played well. But foul trouble with ten minutes left really affects the way you play. You want to play good defense, but you don't want to put the other team on the line. The fouls really changed the momentum of the game; we beat ourselves."

Leading scorer for Mansfield during the game was Lawley with his second double-double of the season. Lawley had 18 points and 10 rebounds

Even with the efforts of Lawley and Hampton, Mansfield came up short against Millersville. Overall, the Mountaineers had 26 turnovers, gave up 20 offensive rebounds and shot 3-17 from the three point line. According to Coach Miller, "that tells the story."

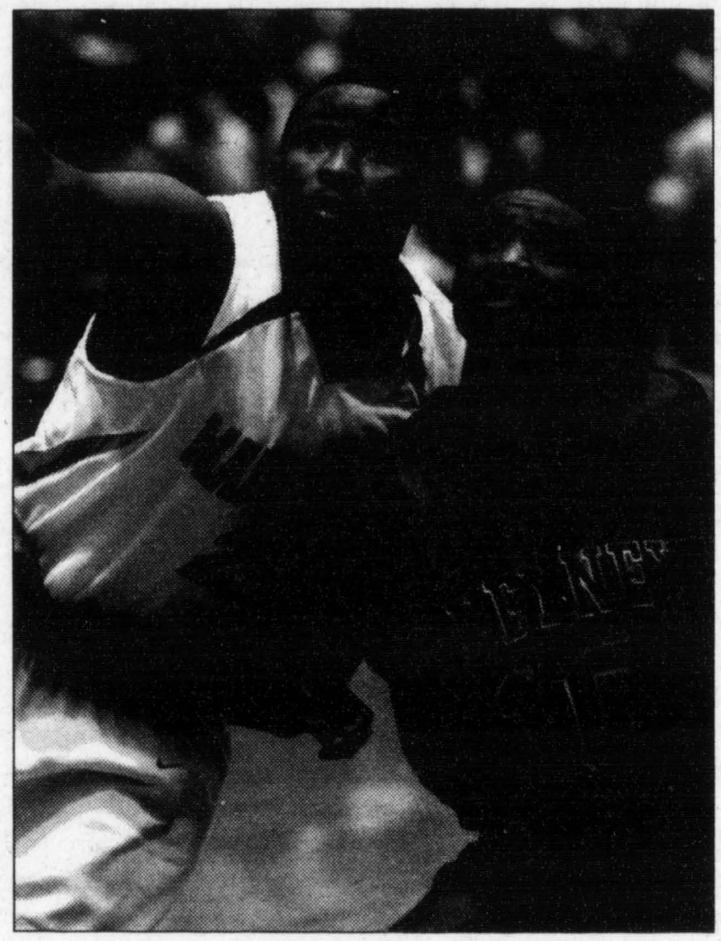
Mansfield went into their last non-conference game against the University of District of Columbia hoping to get their spark back.

It was another heated game. UDC's head coach was called for a technical foul. Kevin Hill, senior guard/forward, got his shooting back and led the team with 24 points.

The Mountaineers started the game out strong and kept the lead throughout the first 20 minutes of play. Mansfield led the game 44-38 at the half; the first time since the conference season began.

Lavail Owens, sophomore guard for Mansfield, commented on the Mountaineers consistent play throughout the entire game.

"During the District of Columbia game, we put the whole 40 minutes together; we didn't just come out and play the first ten," Owens said. "We would have that one extra pass and other extra things we weren't doing in the previous games.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Rodney Norris sees playing time after returning to Mansfield after a semester away. Norris contributed to Mansfield's defense during the Cheyney game.

We played as a team; one unit."

Mansfield entered the second half strong, maintaining a 10 point lead at the 13:01 mark. Like their previous games, UDC began to chip away at the spread until the score was tied at 65-65 with 7:52 remaining. The lead changed sides for the first time in the game with a lay-up from UDC's Charlie Smallwood at the 5:12 mark, bringing the score to 72-71. The score was close from that point on, with the lead switching back and forth between teams. With Mansfield up by one point and less than a minute remaining, UDC's Frank Peterson hit a foul shot, sending the game into overtime.

In the final five minutes in overtime, Mansfield outscored UDC 8-5, giving the Mountaineers a much needed win. Hampton and junior starting point guard, Chris Greene, hit both of their final free throws in overtime, bringing the score to 85-82 in favor of Mansfield.

Owens commented on the win.

"Kevin Hill, John Hampton, and Brandon Lawley all played really well in the District of Columbia game," Owens said. "We all played together and beat a good team. But, District of Columbia isn't in our conference, so it didn't matter for our record."

Along with Hill's 24 points, Greene contributed 17 points, Carr 13 points and Hampton just missed a double-double with 10 points and nine rebounds.

"Against UDC we shot the ball better from the three and were able to get more offense out of our players," Miller said.

Mansfield's third conference loss came against Cheyney University in Decker Gymnasium. Even with Hampton's game high 28 points and Lawley's third double-double, with 19 points and 13 rebounds, the Mountaineers could not come up with a win.

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Mansfield started out the game with a three-pointer from Hill, but Cheyney was not subdued in the first 10 minutes of the game with an 82.5 shot percentage. At the 7:09 mark, Cheyney lead 41-22. The Mountaineers tried to rally back with a 21-3 scoring run, but Cheyney kept the lead with a 53-44 score at halftime.

"In the beginning, we came out with a lot of energy," Henderson said. "Defensively, we were an embarrassment though. Nobody played good defense. At the half, Coach Miller made some adjustments. Things picked up and we got back in the game."

Coach Miller commented on the team's first half performance.

"The first half defense was atrocious," Miller said. "We didn't do a good job with rotations and when we doubled, our posts didn't do a good job rotating in to help."

Mansfield entered the second half and slowly began to chip away at Cheyney's lead. With a three-pointer from Hampton at the 5:49 mark, the Mountaineers brought the score as close as 72-70, but never got any closer. The final score was 82-77 in favor of Cheyney.

"If we would have started the game the way we finished, we would have won," Henderson said.

Coming off the bench, Henderson and sophomore forward, Rodney Norris, tried to help out the team defensively.

"Norris and Henderson gave good defense," Owens said. "They went out and did fine. Norris did well in rebounding and Henderson contributed with steals. It shows that, when a team has depth like ours does, anybody can play."

Coach Miller commented on his defensive strategy of using Henderson and Norris throughout the game.

"I just thought that some of our other guys (Norris and Henderson) gave us a better chance to win - and they did," Miller said. "Some players are more effective than others in different areas. We had no chance of coming back unless we stopped them defensively. Midway through the first half we got into a hole. It's hard to come back form a deficit like that unless you put a defensive team out there. After we did that, we started to come back into the game."

The men's basketball team acknowledges that they have a rough road ahead of them with the rest of their conference games.

Owens commented on what the team has to do to start winning their games.

"We need to start putting 40 minutes together," Owens said. "We can't become lackadaisical and slack off towards the end of each half and then try to come back and win it in the first ten minutes of the next."

Henderson agreed and explained why the team has had difficulty in the past few games.

"We bury ourselves," Henderson said. "We need to come out with more energy, hit open shots, be patient on offense and complete defensive assignments."

The Mountaineers play their next conference game Wednesday, Jan. 30, against East Stroudsburg.

"Wednesday's game against East Stroudsburg is a must win," Hampton said. "We dug ourselves a hole and now we have to do our best to climb back out."

Mountaineer women struggle in PSAC east play

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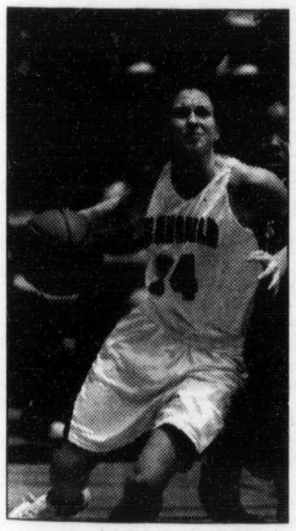
The Mansfield University women's basketball team continues to struggle this season as they begin PSAC east conference play.

The Mountaineers lost to Kutztown University 59-51, Millersville University 57-37 and Cheyney University 66-51, making them 0-3 in the conference.

At Kutztown, Alicia Espigh led the team in scoring with 14 points, followed by Jeannette Meacham with 10 points and eight rebounds. The Mountaineers went on a 9-0 run after tying the game at 9-9, bringing the score to 18-9 in favor of the Mountaineers.

The women went into the half up 30-22. The lead remained with the Mountie women until Rachel Weidensaul hit a three-pointer, giving Kutztown the 36-34 advantage. Meacham regained the lead for the Mountaineers with a lay-up.

The Golden Bears retook the lead with a three-pointer from Melissa McQuade, bringing the score to 42-40. The Mountaineer women could not recover, but brought the score to within four points at the 4:14 mark. The ladies did not get any closer as Kutztown pulled away.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Clarissa Correll has started 17 our of 18 games this season for the Mountaineers.

At Millersville the women shot only 29.5 percent from the field, giving way to their second conference loss of the season.

Millersville gained an early advantage with an 11-2 run, bringing the score to 20-9. A jumper by Katie Akins and a lay-up from Clarissa Correll helped ease the deficit within 13 points.

The women came out fighting in the second half, cutting the lead to five within the first seven minutes. With a jumper from Meacham and six points from Correll, the score was brought to 32-27.

Millersville retaliated with an 18-4 run at the 11 minute mark, stopping Mansfield from gaining any advantage.

The Cheyney game was the same story as the previous conference games. Espigh scored 27 points, but could not help the Mountaineers earn a win. Within the first couple of minutes, Cheyney was up 10-2.

Emily Akins hit a jumper, but the Wolves fought back, expanding their lead to as many as 20 points over Mansfield.

Mansfield tried to make a comeback in the second half with a 15-2 run, bring them within four points. The Wolves continued to retaliate, expanding the lead to 11 points. A three-pointer from Espigh could not help the women close the gap. Mansfield lost their third conference game 66-51.

Despite the slow start, the women are far from out of contention for a PSAC east playoff birth. Having gone 11-2 at home last year and league play just beginning, anything is possible for the Mountaineers.

Mallory Hafer, a junior guard and starter, is sidelined with a torn ACL. She commented on the team's performance. "Our team needs to come together for both halves and function as a single unit, supporting each other the entire way, " said Hafer. "Players need to play their role and do what is best for the team at all costs. We are extremely strong on our home court, so if we can pick up wins for the remainder of our home games and at least one or two games on the road, we still have a chance at making the playoffs."

The Mountaineers will be getting back two key offensive veterans with Courtney Brooks and Brittany Reed, who have both been sidelined with injures during the beginning of PSAC play.

On Wednesday, Jan. 31, the women will take on East Stroudsburg, and on Saturday they will be at home against West Chester University.

Learn qualifies for PSAC's in backstroke

By NICOLE HAGAN
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The Mansfield swim team experiences a series of firsts.

During a tri-meet against Wells College and the University of Pitt-Bradford, Mansfield's swim team experienced their second win of the season, defeating Pitt-Bradford 61-20 and Wells College 60-21.

Freshman, Megan Smickley, contributed to the teams overall win by setting a pool record in the 200 butterfly, with a time of 2:39.77, and placing second in the 200 freestyle, with a time of 2:18.62.

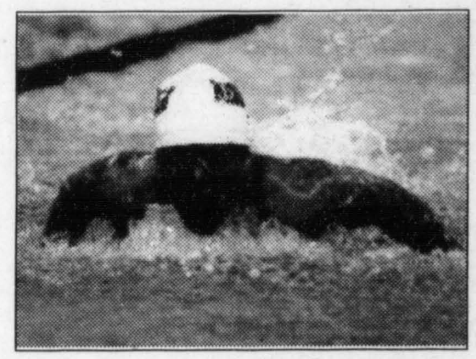
Learn set the second pool record of the day in the 200 backstroke (2:18.57) and placed first in the 200 freestyle (2:09.19) Moreover, Learn was a part of the 200 medley relay team that achieved another first place position with a time of 2:04.34. The medley relay team consisted of senior, Maureen Maikner, freshman, Katie Stillittano, sophomore, Sarah Koontz alongside Learn.

Other first place finishes included Maikner, who won the 1000 freestyle with a time of 11:53.42, Koontz, who won the 50 freestyle with a time of 27.91 and Stillittano, who won the 200 IM with a time of 2:30.23.

Sophomore, Maggie Stengel raced a personal best in the IM with a time of 2:41 while junior, Stacy Allesch, finished fifth (35.02) in the race.

During Mansfield's meet against Cal (PA), Learn and Maikner made positive contributions to the day's events, although the team ultimately lost 101-25.

Learn qualified for the PSAC championship, during the Cal (PA) meet, with a time of 2:16.67 in the 200 backstroke. While Learn had participated



SPORTS INFORMATION
Maureen Maikner contributed to the swim team's first win with her win in the 1000 freestyle.

in the backstroke for the medley relay, this season is the first season that she has competed in the individual race. Furthermore, Learn placed third in the 400 IM with a time of 5:05.78.

When asked about the Cal (PA) meet, Learn explained the road that led her to her third PSAC championship qualification.

"I started in the beginning of the season only swimming the backstroke in relays," Learn said. "When I decided to start swimming the individual backstroke, coach and I worked on my dolphin kicks in practice and I instantly shaved four seconds off of my time. Each time I race, I seemed to get better. Going into the Cal (PA) meet, I was thinking about how tired I was from the eight races I had already done the past two days. But, I prayed to God to help me and I remembered Coach's advice to mentally shake off what we were feeling and go for it. At Cal (PA), after several meets of slowly taking seconds off of my time, I finally met my goal."

Maikner rounded out the day by placing second in the 200 breaststroke with a time of 2:37.98 and the 50 fly with a time of 30.58.

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Cummings qualifies for NCAA Indoor Championship at Penn State Invitational

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The Mansfield University's Indoor Track Team divided up and traveled to two separate meets Jan. 25-26.

Four upperclassman attended the Penn State Invitational at Penn State University, while other members of the team headed to Bucknell University for the Bucknell Open.

Bryant Rager, a freshman who competes in the triple jump, explained why only certain individuals were able to participate at the Penn State Invitational.

"Anyone who attended the Penn State Invitational had to be able to compete at a certain level," Rager said. "The upperclassmen and certain under classmen who didn't meet those standards went to Bucknell, but most of the underclassmen had the weekend off."

The four Mansfield athletes who were invited to the Penn State meet were senior runner, Chris Cummings, senior high jumper Katrina Brumfield and junior mid-distance runners Dave Sanford and Victor Garcia.

Cummings earned a trip to the NCAA Division II National Indoor Championship with an automatic qualifying time of 4:09.80 in the mile at Penn State.

Mike Rohl is the head coach of the indoor track team. "Chris is an automatic qualifier for nationals," Rohl said. "That was the first of many goals that he set for himself. I think this was a special goal for him to accomplish because he missed two weeks of training time. He was only able to run for one week, and he was very concerned. He is at that level now were he can come back from an injury quickly."

Cummings was selected for the PSAC top ten award during the winter and spring seasons. This is Cummings third time receiving this honor, tying him with Charity (Learn) Walker for the amount of times being selected for this award.

Brumfield commented on the collective efforts of the team at Penn State.

"The standards are so high to get into the meet, since it's a national invite and everyone placed well among the Division I competitors," Brumfield said.

Mansfield athletes saw their share of successes at Bucknell. The freshmen distance medley team, comprised of Joe Stanek, Sean Vollenweider, Chris Bogenschutz and John-Mark Stoltz, beat Bucknell with a time of 10:28.89.

"The freshman distance medley team dropped approximately 20 seconds off of their time in the DMR," Brumfield said. "They ran strong races for being young athletes."

Freshman Ryan Kelly took second at Bucknell in the women's 800 meter with a time of 2:22.46.

"Kelly did a really nice 800," Rohl said.

Two weekends ago the team of freshman and sophomores traveled to Slippery Rock for the PSAC West meet.

"The meet is mandated by the athletic directors," Rohl said. "Because it's mandatory that we go, we took the young kids and they did well. That kind of trip is really important for them. It's an overnight trip where there's just a small group of athletes, giving them one-on-one time with the coaches.".

Mike Gray threw a season best 14.61 meters in the shot-put and Abbie Waltz ran a personal best time in the 55 meter hurdle with a time of 10.06.

Anastacia Canfield qualified for the conference meet in the high jump with a jump of 4 feet 11 inches.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Ryan Kelly finished in second place at the Bucknell Open in the women's 800 meter.

Coming up in Mountie Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Jan. 31	Feb. 1 Indoor Track & Field Milrose Games, NYC	2 Men's Basketball vs West Chester, 3 p.m. Women's Baksetball vs West Chester, 1 p.m. Swimming @ ESU B-Invitational, 12 p.m. Indoor Track & Field De Shriver Invitaional at East Stroudsburg	3	4	5	6 Men's Basketball at Bloomsburg, 7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball at Bloomsburg, 5:30 p.m.
7	8 Track at New York City- New Balance Invite	9 Track at New York City- New Balance Invite Track at New Haven, CT Women's basketball vs Millersville @ 1 Men's basketball vs Millersville @ 3	10 Track at New Haven, CT	11	12	13 Women's basketball vs Kutztown @ 5:30 Men's basketball vs Kutztown @ 7:30

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Students no longer allowed to drive university vehicles

By JAMIE CURTIS
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University received clarification from their insurance company in January for the misinterpretation of a Common Wealth Policy regarding the use of university vehicles.

The Management Directive 615.8 is a law that was founded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on Jan. 22, 1980. The directive states that university vehicles can only be driven by employees of the commonwealth (this includes work study students), if operating a motor vehicle is part of their job description.

Vehicles are only to be used for commonwealth related functions. In the past, Mansfield University has used the vehicles for other events outside of work related functions including student clubs and organization trips.

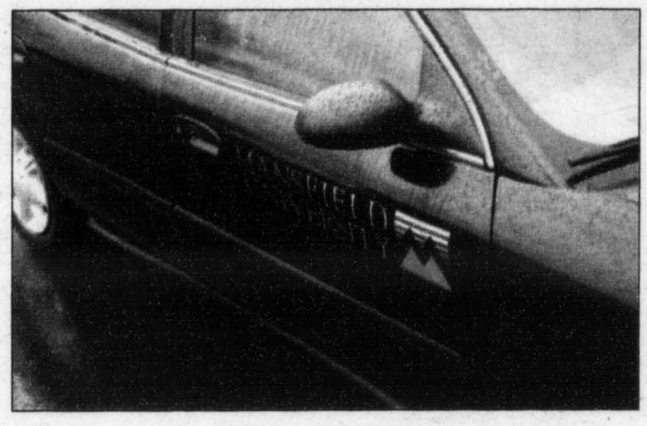


PHOTO BY MIKE LENGEL
Under Management Directive 615.8 Mansfield students can no longer drive university vehicles.

The Bureau of Risk and Insurance management (BRIM) is the commonwealth's insurance plan. BRIM does not consider students clubs and organizations as being state related organizations and therefore they do not fall under the BRIM insurance coverage. If a student were to have an accident, the student and the university would be held liable for the damage.

Mr. Michael Reid is the Vice President of Finance and Administration for the university. "The issue was brought to my attention by Mansfield University's Controller, Mr. Curt Tofts. He contacted Mr. Browning from BRIM for clarification on Jan. 16 and we had a joint conference call between Mr. Tofts, Mr. Browning and I," Reid said. "I also had a conference call with the Pennsylvania System of Higher Education (PASSHE) vice presidents on the 23. The issue brought up was that Mansfield University was permitting university employees (including work study students) to drive commonwealth vehicles for purposes outside of the employees' scope of work."

According to Dr. Peter Keller, the Interim Dean of Faculty, "There are a number of implications for this when university faculty or staff schedule events, such as field trips. University employees, including student employees, are permitted to drive university vehicles if this role is included as part of their job description. This role has not been as clear as it should be and in the near future we expect to include driving to university-related events as part of the job description for most student workers. Students will not be required to drive, but they will be able to do so if they wish to and are qualified."

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Revisions occur to Mansfield's strategic plan

By BEKA BROWN
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University's strategic plan is currently being updated by the Strategic Planning Committee.

The finalized strategic plan will be completed by Aug. 1, 2008. The plan will determine the future of the university and guide the usage of resources. At Mansfield University, the strategic plan is revisited approximately every five years. It is constructed in conjunction with the university's mission and vision statements.

A mission statement explains who and what the campus is and does. A vision statement talks about what the campus will become in five years. These documents are brought together in a strategic plan that outlines how to accomplish these goals.

So far, the committee has revised the mission and vision statements. Work on the strategic plan began last week, but President Dr. Maravene Loeschke is pleased with the progress thus far. "If I saw it [strategic plan] somewhere in an advertisement, I would want to go to school there," Loeschke said. "It captures so eloquently what Mansfield University really is and what it does."

The Strategic Planning Committee is made up of an assortment of appointed and elected staff, faculty and students. The purpose of the committee is to analyze information gathered from the campus and community through online Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Challenges (SWOC) surveys, open forums and conversations and then create a strategic plan.

Based on the input collected, the campus is interested in basing the strategic plan around the Mansfield Creed.

Dr. Adam Brennan is a co-chair on the committee. He explained that the committee was acting as a liaison between the campus and the final plan. "The committee is learning what the members of our university and larger community perceive Mansfield University to be," Brennan said. "We are working to gather information, talk with people all across campus and build a document that defines our mission, reflects our collective vision and builds a process for us to achieve that mission and vision."

Dr. Janeen Sheehe is also a co-chair on the committee. She explained that the procedure of writing the Mansfield strategic plan is nontraditional. "It's unusual that the president has asked for all this input to really form the future of Mansfield University," Sheehe said.

Loeschke explained that the strategic plans of many institutions are written by either the president or another leader. "There are a number of ways to do it [write a strategic plan]. I believe that the healthiest, most productive way is to have the campus do it as a community if that can be achieved," Loeschke said.

"I know that this is a new approach to this process at MU, and many people remain skeptical, however; this is going to be a living document that shapes and charts the course of direction for our institution," Brennan said. "Change is inevitable, but this time the changes will be meaningful and we will all be a part of living this document."

Students are encouraged to continue to participate in online surveys, which are available online at the Mansfield University Blackboard site.

Weekly Weather

TODAY

AM Snow Showers

High: 32 Low: 26

FRIDAY

Snow Showers

High: 37 Low: 28

SATURDAY

Rain/Snow Showers

High: 35 Low: 16

SUNDAY

Snow Shower/ Wind

High: 18 Low: 6

MONDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 23 Low: 14

TUESDAY

Snow Showers

High: 32 Low: 24

WEDNESDAY

AM Clouds/PM sun

High: 34 Low: 24

Information taken from www.weather.com

Info-To-Go

Campus Bulletin Board Mansfield University

- Interested in giving up some of your Spring Break? Join Campus Ministries as we work with Seed of Hope in Tioga County from Wednesday at 5 p.m. to Sunday at 10 a.m. and still have a week of Spring Break to do what you want. For more information contact Deb or Courtney at ext. 4432 or ext. 4431 or email chull@mansfield.edu. There are a maximum of 10 people who can participate, so contact them soon!

- Paid Internship in Harrisburg - Fall 2008 work with state agency or legislators and receive stipend roughly equivalent to a semester's tuition, room and board - plus gain valuable experience and contacts. Must be a junior or senior with a GPA of 3.0 or better. For more information contact Dr. Lee Wright x4787 or come to 309 Hemlock. Completed applications are due Feb. 11.

- University Sponsored Event -
Thursday, Feb. 7 - Focus the Nation
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Environmental Fair KFC
12 p.m. - 2 p.m. - Lunch KFC
1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Focus the Nation kick-off
3 p.m. - 4 p.m. - Life without Polar Bears AHSC 307
4 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Foot Prints and Offsets AHSC 307
5 p.m. - 6 p.m. - The Problem is Here AHSC 307
7 p.m. - 9 p.m. - Climate Change Project speaker or environmental documentary.

'UNIVERSITY VEHICLES'

Currently Reid and other university officials are working with the PASSHE systems legal council on the subject of student organizations and insurance coverage. "We're trying to find ways to continue the same level of activities without violating the policy," Reid said. "There are a lot of gray areas with the Management Directive. Nothing however, is preventing students or faculty members from voluntarily driving their own vehicles or carpooling to university events."

The biggest issue regarding the use of student vehicles and traveling to university events is when a staff member tries to instruct a student on what to use their vehicle for. "It is important that our staff and faculty never put students in a position where they are not appropriately protected," Keller said. "This is because university liability protection would not extend to students riding in another student's vehicle."

"If other people choose to use their vehicles for anything other than personal use, I would counsel these individuals to check with their insurance companies to make sure that they have adequate coverage, should they get into an accident," Reid said. "Sometimes insurance companies will not cover accidents if they find out that a vehicle was being used for something besides personal use. We want to educate as many people as possible, because we don't want someone to get into an accident and discover that they do not have coverage. "That is not the time to find out."

Snack Shack to be re-opened



PHOTO BY MIKE LENGEL
Cedar Crest snack shack is getting a face life and a new owner.

By KAY BARRETT
Flashlight Writer

The Cedar Crest snack shack is getting a face lift thanks to combined efforts by Residence Life, Manser Dining Services and university maintenance.

The snack shack has been empty for the past two and a half years. It used to be run by the students and it sold small snacks and drinks.

Scott Cummings, the general manager of Manser Dining Services, said that the idea for the new snack shack was raised during a meeting attended by President Maravene Loeschke. While trying to think of ways to accommodate commuter students, the people at the meeting began to discuss the unused space in Cedar Crest.

"Cedar Crest is a long distance from Manser and we thought it might be a good idea to reopen the area and provide students with some easy access foods," Cummings said. "We talked to some students on campus and they were very interested in it."

According to Cummings, over Christmas break university maintenance and Chuck Colby, the Assosiate Vice President of Residence Life, were beginning to sketch some plans for the construction of the new eatery. Cummings was asked to generate some ideas for what will be made available in the new snack shack.

"We're not positive what will be put into the space, but possibilities are grab-and-go items, pre-made wraps, salads, along with some of the store items that are available in Manser," Cummings said, "We were also thinking about opening up something like Sandella's and of course there will be Pepsi products."

Although plans are still in the works, construction for the new snack shack has already begun. Cummings says a seating area might be a possibility, depending on how much room the new construction provides. There is no definite timeline for when the new area will open, but Cummings says it could be as soon as the end of spring break and that it will be open primarily at night.

Lanae Richardson, a freshman math education major, lives in Cedar Crest and thinks the new snack shack is a good idea.

"It's an awesome idea. At night, I hate walking all the way up to Manser to get something to eat, so my roommate and I usually sit in our room and eat chocolate and junk food," Richardson said. "It will be nice to have something else to eat and for it to be so close by."

In addition to the new snack shack, Manser Dining Services is also working to open a café a la cart in Retan.

"We're planning on selling coffee, grab-and-go items, pastries and bakery items from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays," Cummings said.

Students won't have to wait long to buy snacks from the cart in Retan. According to Cummings the new coffee cart will be available in the near future.

"We are hoping to have the cart up and running by March. We just have to have a cart built and find some way to set up the coffee," Cummings said.

Spotlight on Campus:



Dr. K. Sue Young

By REBECCA HAZEN

Flashlight News Co-Editor

Dr. K Sue Young is a professor of Speech Communication in the department of Communication and Theatre at Mansfield University.

Dr. Young has numerous responsibilities at Mansfield. She teaches many communication classes including oral communication, parliamentary procedure, small group communication, cross cultural, persuasion, communication theory and gender. She enjoys what she does and does not let pressures get to her. "There is a thrill of being able to show people new things they haven't thought of before," Young said.

Besides the classes that she teaches, she also holds a position on the outstanding senior selection committee. She is onsix committees this semester in the communication and theatre department.

Dr. Young was an undergraduate student at Mansfield University, with a degree in mass communications with emphases in Public Relations and Broadcasting. She also had minors in English and Philosophy. She went on to earn her doctorate at Penn State University in speech communication.

After graduating from PSU, Dr. Young taught at Clarion University and the University of Central Arkansas. She received tenure at UCA, but she decided to come back to Mansfield in August of 1999 because she grew up in the area. "It is important for me to be close to my family at this point in my life," Young said. Dr. Young has three daughters, and her husband Joel Young is currently working part time at Mansfield University as a mathematics and computer information science teacher.

Dr. Young still manages to find time outside of her classes. Dr. Young's accomplishments include writing three books while raising three kids, and starting a vacation home rental business called A Hint of Europe. Her most exciting adventures include going to Russia while it was still under communist rule in 1984, and swimming with dolphins.

In her spare time, Young has recently joined the Flat Belly Diet! Support Team. "I don't know if I'll get a flat belly out of it, but it sure is fun helping a lot of people find their way on this diet based on new research about monounsaturated fatty acids (MUFAs)," Young said. She has been a moderator on the Prevention.com site, an international discussion board concerning health issues, for many years now.

Dr. Young has written several books about communcations. She was given the full rights to Group Discussion: A Practical Guide to Participation and Leadership in the late 90's. She became lead author and rewrote the entire third edition. Last year, she wrote the fourth edition. Her two other books, titled Oral Communication: Skills, Choices, and Consequences, and Communicating Nonverbally: A Practical Guide to Presenting Yourself More Effectively were co authored by herself and Howard Travis. Travis is a professor emeritus at Mansfield University.

Her first book was published in 1999, and she has continued to publish since then. She is currently in the initial stages of writing a new book. "You do a little bit everyday and we [Travis and Young] had a good time working on the projects together," Young said.

Dr. Young's favorite thing about her job is the students. "The students are everything. That is what makes it worth doing. I like students with humor and students who take initiatives. A great day is one that includes a couple of good laughs!"



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Dr. K. Sue Young is a professor of Speech Communication at Mansfield University.

Residence Life making improvements in room selections

By ERIC BOHANNON

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Sometimes change is good, sometimes it is not good. Mansfield University and the Residence Life department hope change is a good thing for the University.

Some of the changes are being brought on by positives. "This spring there about 100 more students than we had on campus last spring," Associate Vice President of Residence Life Chuck Colby said. "This means the room selection process is a little more crowded than last year and admissions are expecting a strong class for the fall semester as well as some new international students."

This year there are more women attending Mansfield however, more male spaces are needed in the halls. "We had too many women spaces allocated so we have to flip out a floor to the men to balance things out," Colby said. "We are making second floor Laurel A the new male floor becuase it enhances security."

Another idea that was brought up was an all freshmen building. "We have backed off of that idea, but the UNV committee recommended a beginning freshmen year experience program, so we will have a floor of just freshmen men and women. Laurel two A will be the men freshmen floor while three A will be the female floor," Colby said. "We plan to have some faculty volunteer to do office hours in the residence halls, maybe having a peer leader living on the floor besides the Resident assistant to help these first year students be successful. It's a new special interest floor and it's had positive impact nationally. The goal is to retain students and have them graduate in four years."

Another thing that is on residence life's agenda is to make private rooms available to more students. Colby's biggest dilemma is the senior single given to seniors. "There were about 100 spaces that weren't available to underclassmen who need privacy to be academically successful and were causing us to lose revenue," Colby said. "A senior single is new to me and I'm trying to find a way to honor tradition as well as do good things for the institution."

"The compromise plan is to have the mini single rooms available to seniors at the double rate," Colby said. "We are also proposing to lower the rates for single rooms. The hope is that lowering the rate won't affect the total revenue. The idea is to make it more affordable to a larger number of students" These changes will be shared with the Council of Trustees for approval prior to becoming final.

One possible problem for underclassmen is those living in a mini single might be displaced to another room to make the mini singles available for seniors. "We are trying to implement changes with the best interest of retention and success for all Mansfield students in mind," Colby said.

Colby is trying to create more rooms for students who need a single for privacy for academic success. "We also just got approval to install a one card door access system so were trying to maximize our revenue for that," Colby said.

The estimated price for the one card system just with the residence halls is over $300,000. The primary reason for the one card system in the resident halls is to have all entry doors have card access.

"We hope the system is going to evolve to vending machines, laundry machines, printers, the bookstore, copiers and dining services among many things," Colby said. "We will be doing new ID's for all students for the use of the system." Students will be issued new ID's most likely at the end of this semester.

Another change is that the residence life department is moving up the room selection process to start in the early to middle part of February. "We would like to have the room selection process done before spring break. This way we can tell incoming freshmen they have a room and where it will be," Colby said. "It is proven nationally that if incoming students know this information, they tend to go to that University. We are doing a lot of things to enhance recruitment and to enhance retention. The goal is to make the whole situation better. Mansfield had the latest room assignments for freshmen in my experience, and if students know where they're going to be, the earlier the better."

"More good news is that housing for summer school will be $10 a week," Colby said. "It's one heck of a deal."

Communication Department holds annual Spend-a-Day program

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Mansfield University held its annual Communication Spend-a-Day program on Tuesday, Feb. 5th, 2008.

Spend-a-day is a chance for prospective communication students to visit the university. They get to meet current Mansfield students in the department, and the professors as well.

They get to participate in mock classes held by professors, and they also get a behind the scenes look at organizations in the department such as the radio station, the TV station and the Flashlight office.

Individuals were greeted by current students when they arrived, and were introduced to the professors in the department. Each professor stated what classes he or she taught, and what campus activities they are currently involved in.

Dr. Lee Wright is the chair of the communication and theatre department. Dr. Wright opened up by discussing the strengths in the program. "Our faculty are professionals in their field, and they have academic experiences… You are going to have hands on experiences within your first week here... Our students are involved in the life within this department," Wright said.

In the communication department students can earn a degree in either communication or mass communication, which has three different emphases of broadcasting, journalism and public relations.

After going to different mock classes, the Communication department came together for lunch in North Manser. There, the heads of PRSSA, MUTV, The Flashlight, and WNTE gave speeches about their organizations.

Dan Ryan, president of MUTV said, "Being in one of these organizations is a chance to impact the future. You can get really good experiences under your belt."

Dave Empet and Lee Bostic are Assistant Directors of Admissions at Mansfield. They were two of the many people in charge of organizing Spend-a-Day. "We have to make sure that we have correspondents between the Communication department and prospective students. We call all the students who have gotten accepted into the department and let them know about Spend-a-Day," Empet said.

"This was an absolute success. It was the biggest turn out to date. We had people from three different states come. This is not a local event," Bostic said.

Students were given evaluations to fill out about their experiences at Spend-a-Day. High school students Shannon Abercrombie and Brittany Colton both had positive experiences. "I liked the broadcasting studio, because I got to be a news anchor," Abercrombie said. "I liked the fact that we actually got to sit in a class and do things. We wrote an article," Colton said.

"Lots of students confirmed to me that they would be attending Mansfield University today," Bostic said. "They think, 'wow this is it'. Students say they love the feeling they get when they come here."

Spend-a-Day is important because it takes a lot of people working together as one. It is a collaboration of current and prospective students, professors at Mansfield, caterers, admissions, and high school faculty.

Empet thinks that it is a unique program. "It gives prospective students a unique opportunity… You have a better idea about Mansfield University when you leave here by getting the chance to talk to your future classmates and faculty."

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Feb. 7 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. beyondthewall poster sale AHSC - 1 p.m., Flautist Bart Feller, Guest artist	8 - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. beyondthewall poster sale AHSC - 7 p.m. Conducting symposium - SAO Ice skating bus trip to Corning	9 - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Conducting symposium - 8 p.m. Jazz Ensemble/ X-ray Big Band Concert	10	11 - 8:15 p.m., Dr. Omri Shimron, guest piano artist	12 - 1 - 2 p.m.- Career Series Workshop: Career Exploration/FOCUS, AHSC 314	13
14	15 - 8 p.m. - Dr. Phillip Rammon, faculty cello recital	16	17	18 - 4 - 5 p.m. - Career Series Workshop: Resume Writing, AHSC 314 - 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Visitation day, Steadman Theatre	19	20 - 4 - 5:30 p.m. - University Lecture Series Event: Academic Integrity: Why it's Essential and How we can Promote it.

What in the World? News in a flash by Laura and Becca



'Party-training' the next generation

By LAURA HALL
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Parents are now using their children to show support for their preferred political party and candidate.

T-shirts and onesies with the phrases, "Weepublican," "Demoquat," "My Mama's for Obama," "Bush is my homeboy," "Mommy and Me for Hillary" and "I Only Cry When Republicans Hold Me," have become "harmless fun that reinforces [a] family's core beliefs," CNN.com said.

While some children think that the T-shirts are neat, Joan Ingber, a therapist at the Institute for Contemporary Psychotherapy, disagrees.

"We're bombarded by advertising. Why should children become the canvas for any ad? Do we really want to see kids in this role?" Ingber said.

Along with clothing companies, publishing companies are also promoting teaching children about the political parties with books titled, "Why Mommy is a Democrat," "Why Daddy is a Democrat" and "Help! Mom! There are Liberals Under My Bed!"



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These are just two of the political t-shirts available for children.

Unlike the clothing, Ingber feels positive about the books.

"I see too many kids who mimic their parents' feelings and opinions," Ingber said. "I, for one, would like to see children grow up to be critical thinkers. Can that happen if they're told how to think [and] feel?"



PHOTO COURTESY OF BORDERS.COM
One of the political books for children.

Vanity plate craze hits UAE

By LAURA HALL
Flashlight News Co-Editor

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) holds the world record for the six most expensive vanity plates and they aren't stopping there.

The vanity plates are being auctioned off by the UAE. The lower the number the more popular the plate. The numbers "5" and "7" have already been sold for $6.75 million and $2.97 million respectively.

Talal Khouri, owner of "5" and "7" admitted to CNN.com that "it's a status thing."

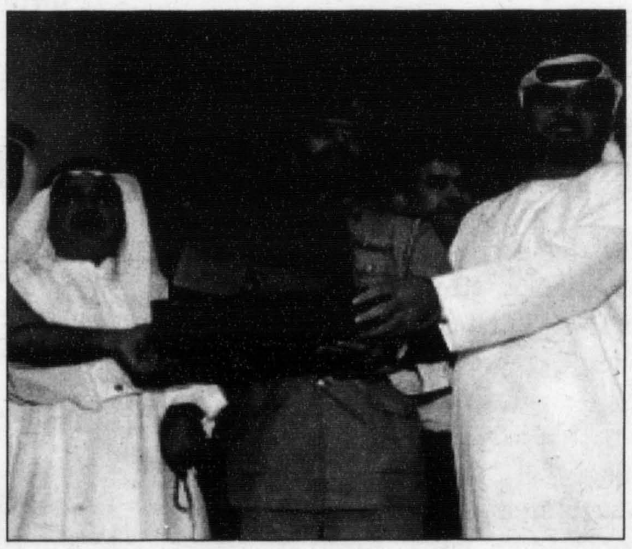


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Vanity plate number 5 was purchased for $6.75 million. Now the UAE is expected to set another record.

It's not only about status though, it's also for a good cause. The money raised from auctioning the plates goes to help victims of car accidents.

Along with being helpful to those in need, buying vanity plates is also a good investment.

"I have a number plate on my car, which was worth 35,000 dirhams four years ago," a vanity plate owner said. "And I have an offer now for 400,000."

Next week the UAE will put the number "1" plate up for auction. According to CNN.com, "The plate is expected to immediately set a new record for the most expensive plate in the world."

Khouri wants to own the number "1" plate, but said he won't pay any more than $15 to $20 million for it.

In total, the UAE has sold 300 plates so far and raised $56 million.

FBI to create a database of biometeric information

By LAURA HALL
Flashlight News Co-Editor

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is expected to award a $1 billion, 10-year contract to create a database that will gather biometeric information.

The information gathered will include palm prints, eye scans and tattoo mapping.

According to CNN.com, "The FBI already has 55 million sets of fingerprints on file. In coming years, the bureau wants to compare palm prints, scars and tattoos, iris patterns and facial shapes. The idea is to combine various pieces of biometeric information to positively identify a potential suspect."

Kimberly Del Greco is the FBI's Biometeric Services section chief. "[The database is] important to protect the borders to keep the terrorists out, protect our citizens, our neighbors, our children so they can have good jobs and have a safe country to live in," Del Greco said.

Barry Steinhardt, the director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Technology and Liberty Project, disagrees with Del Greco.

"It's the beginning of the surveillance society where you can be tracked anywhere, any time and all your movements and eventually all your activities will be tracked and noted and correlated," Steinhardt said.

The first type of information to be gathered and used are palm prints. Mug shots and pictures of scars and tattoos have started being collected, but are being stored until the technology is ready.

Next on the list is comparing irises with a program called Next Generation Indentification.

While some believe that it is a good idea to be collecting this information to keep every safe, others believe that it is an invasion of privacy.

"Giving law enforcement widespread data collection techniques should cause major privacy problems," Steinhardt said.

There may be a cause for concern since a person doesn't have to be a criminal or a terrorist to be checked against the database.

According to the FBI, "More than 55 percent of the checks the FBI runs involve criminal background checks for people applying for sensitive jobs in government or jobs working with vulnerable people."

The FBI also has plans to create a "rapback" service where an employer can ask the FBI to keep employee prints on file and let the employer know if the employee gets in trouble with the law.

Currently, the FBI says that it will protect all personal data and only collect information on criminals and those seeking sensitive jobs.

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Today brings an achievement, though it may not be one that you recognize immediately. At least one of your goals has been met though, so it could be time for you to set a few new ones.

TAURUS
APRIL 20 - MAY 20

You're all about connecting with people today and your energy should make that even easier than usual. Folks can hear the truth without flinching -- as long as you're the one who's telling it.

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Your social style is typically pretty smooth, but today you may find that people just aren't buying it. Don't worry about it, because you can still get them to listen to you as long as you keep it real.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22

Cash flow is on your mind right now and you should find that there are solutions you hadn't envisioned just yesterday. Talk them over with your family and see where you want to go from here.

LEO
JULY 21 - AUGUST 22

You're taking great pride in a recent accomplishment, but be careful about inciting envy in your peers -- or even your friends! Folks may be a bit more petty-minded than usual today, so take it easy.

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

You and your friends may make jokes about being set in your ways, but you know that secretly you've got big ideas for making changes. Today is perfect for tiny steps in that new direction that seems so cool.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

You're in a great mood and ready for some good fun with friends or family. Even if someone is down for some reason, they should find their mood lifting as long as you're in the picture.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

Today, you need to focus your energy on the home front as much as possible. Almost anything could be happening -- repairs, kids' issues or even feuds with the neighbors -- so stay as flexible as possible.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

You ought to be able to tell people just what they want to hear -- and what you want them to hear. Your ability to communicate clearly makes it easy for you to pull off big sales or just convince others you're right.

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DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

It's been a long road, but you can see the end of it -- maybe a bit sooner than you had expected. Of course, each ending is a new beginning, but you probably already know what's coming up.

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You're feeling the urge to help the community or the planet in some way, so volunteering or donating money may be more attractive. That altruistic streak is definitely worth indulging from time to time.

The Book Nook:
Fahrenheit 451

By CARRIE GOODYEAR
Flashlight Features Editor

Ray Bradbury penned the novel *Fahrenheit 451* in 1953 in Los Angeles, California.

Fahrenheit 451 is set in an unspecified city sometime during the 21st century. The reader follows a fireman, Guy Montag on his quest for truth and knowledge in a time where reading is forbidden.



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Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 has an Orwellian feel.

The society in this fictional novel is one that doesn't read books, enjoy nature, spend time by themselves or even think independently.

In the beginning of the novel, Montag is perfectly content starting fires to burn books, however he begins to question everything when he meets 17-year-old Clarisse McClellan.

After he meets McClellan, a strange series of events are set into motion. Montag's wife, Mildred, tries to commit suicide and a woman chooses to be burned alive with her books, rather than turn them over to the firemen.

A few days later, Montag learns that McClellan has been killed by a speeding car.

After all of these strange events, Montag turns to books as a possible source of knowledge. Montag's boss, Beatty, shows up at his house after Montag misses a few days of work.

Beatty explains that it is perfectly normal for firemen to question whether or not they should be burning the books. Beatty offers him a 24 hour window where he can read the books he stashed in his home before he must turn them over for incineration.

Montag ends up meeting a professor of English named Faber. Faber agrees to help Montag with his reading.

To find out if this fictional society can survive without the knowledge of books, check out Ray Bradbury's *Fahrenheit 451*.

This day in history

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On this day in 1952, after a long illness, King George VI of Great Britain and Northern Ireland dies in his sleep at the royal estate at Sandringham

Princess Elizabeth, the oldest of the king's two daughters and next in line to succeed him, was in Kenya at the time of her father's death; she was crowned Queen Elizabeth II on June 2, 1953, at age 27.

Queen Elizabeth, born on April 21, 1926, and known to her family as Lilibet, was groomed as a girl to succeed her father. She married a distant cousin, Philip Mountbatten, on Nov 20, 1947, at London's Westminster Abbey.

The first of Elizabeth's four children, Prince Charles, was born in 1948.

From the start of her reign, Elizabeth understood the value of public relations and allowed her 1953 coronation to be televised, despite objections from Prime Minister Winston Churchill and others who felt it would cheapen the ceremony.



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83 year-old Queen Elizabeth took the throne 56 years ago today.

Elizabeth, the 40th British monarch since William the Conqueror, has worked hard at her royal duties and become a popular figure around the world. In 2003, she celebrated 50 years on the throne, only the fifth British monarch to do so.

The queen's reign, however, has not been without controversy. She was seen as cold and out-of-touch following the 1996 divorce of her son, Prince Charles and Princess Diana, and again after Diana's 1997 death in a car crash.

Additionally, the role in modern times of the monarchy, which is largely ceremonial, has come into question as British taxpayers have complained about covering the royal family's travel expenses and palace upkeep.

Despite the fact abortion pill Mifeprex has serious side affects; it is still increasing in popularity

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

Wednesday, Jan23 marked the 35 year anniversary of Roe V. Wade, the landmark supreme court case that legalized abortion in the United States. Since that decision the experience of terminating a pregnancy has drastically changed.

According to the American Pregnancy Association there are approximately six million pregnancies a year in the U.S. and more than 1.2 million of those pregnancies are terminated.

Of those 1.2 million abortions, 150,000 of them were completed medically rather than surgically with the use of a pill, RU 486, also known as Mifeprex. Mifeprex is used to terminate pregnancies up to seven weeks and is typically 96 percent effective. Since FDA approval in 2000 nearly 840,000 women have used Mifeprex.

Many women choose Mifeprex because it is a more private approach to terminating a pregnancy. The patient visits a doctor's office or clinic and takes Mifeprex orally, which blocks the hormone progesterone needed for the pregnancy to continue. They are then allowed to go home and two days later must take misoprostol to induce contractions. Two weeks later the patient returns to the doctor's office or clinic to insure that the pregnancy was terminated.

According to health officials Mifeprex now accounts for 14 percent of total abortions a year in the U.S. Many doctors who refused to perform surgical abortions now offer Mifeprex as an option, making it easier for women to access

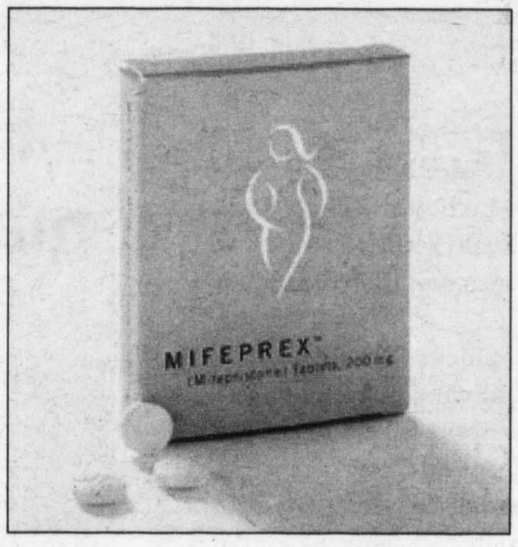


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150,000 terminated pregnancies were completed medically instead of surgically.

it. Although the overall abortion rate is declining, the use of Mifeprex increases 22 percent each year. In other countries such as France and Sweden it counts for almost 60 percent of abortions each year.

"The impact and the promise is huge," Beth Jordan said, medical director of the Association of Reproductive Health Professionals. "It's going a long way towards normalizing abortion."

However, despite Mifeprex's increasing popularity there are side affects and some serious risks that come with taking the pill. The side affects are fairly average, things that could happen when taking any kind of medicine such as nausea, vomiting, headache, dizziness, back pain and fatigue. It is also expected that women will bleed or spot for 9-16 days, possibly as heavily as their periods. The bleeding can last for as long as 30 days. However, the bleeding is supposed to slow considerably a day or two after the misoprostol pill is taken.

According to Mifeprex's website, if a women experiences heavy bleeding for several days after taking misprostol, feels nauseous more than 24 hours after taking misoprostol or has a fever of 100 degrees that lasts more than four hours a doctor needs to be contacted immediately. Those symptoms could be the signs of a serious infection.

Another risk is that five to eight women out of 100 will not have successful abortions using Mifeprex. If the abortion is not successful the pregnancy must be terminated surgically because Mifeprex may cause birth defects.

Since the FDA approval of Mifeprex in 2000 there have been eight confirmed deaths relating to the pill. The deaths prompted the review of the pill by the FDA but the FDA stated that there was no causal link between Mifeprex and the deaths but also said they did not know if using Mifeprex caused the deaths. According to the New York Times there is a 1 in 100,000 risk of a women dying from using Mifeprex.

This week in politics

By CHRISTIAN JOHNSON
Flashlight Writer

GOP Candidates Debate at Reagan Library

Republican presidential candidates debated at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif on Wednesday, Jan 30.

The debate highlight was the bickering between former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney and Arizona Senator John McCain. The fiercest exchange came when Romney was asked a question about how the McCain campaign accused him of once favoring a timetable for withdrawal out of Iraq.

"It's simply wrong," Romney said. "By the way, raising it a few days before the Florida primary, when there was very little time for me to correct the record, falls in the kind of dirty tricks that Ronald Reagan would have found reprehensible."

Edwards and Giuliani End Presidential Race

Republican Rudy Giuliani and Democrat John Edwards both announced that they will end their bid for the White House on Jan. 30.

Giuliani, who suffered an embarrassing third-place finish in the Florida primary, made the announcement at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library.

Edwards ended his campaign the same place he started it, during a speech on poverty in New Orleans, Louisiana. With his wife Elizabeth by his side, Edwards reminded the audience that he would not give up the fight on poverty. "I began my presidential campaign here to remind the country that we, as citizens, and as a government have a moral responsibility to each other," Edwards said. "We must do better if we want to live up to the great promise of this country that we all love so much."

Entertainment Corner

Top Digital Singles: Courtesy of billboard.com

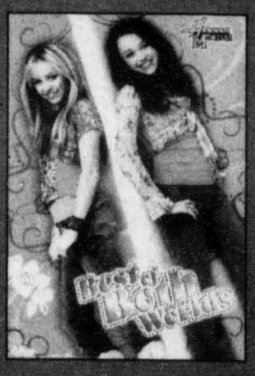
1.) **Flo Rida Featuring T-Pain** - Low
2.) **Rihanna** - Don't stop the music
3.) **Chris Brown** - With You
4.) **Sara Bareilles** - Love Song
5.) **Sean Kingston** - Take You There





Top Movies: Courtesy of imdb.com

1.) **Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus Best of Both Worlds Concert Tour** - G, Miley Cyrus
2.) **The Eye**- PG- 13, Jessica Alba
3.) **27 Dresses** - PG-13, Katherine Heigl
4.) **Meet the Spartans** - PG-13, Carmen Electra
5.) **Rambo** - R, Sylvester Stallone





Unrest in Kenya continues for over two months

By NANCY EDWARDS
Flashlight Writer

Violence erupted in Kenya after the Dec 27, 2007 re-election of President Mawi Kibaki. Hundreds of Kenyan people have been killed and thousands have been forced to flee from their homes due to political and ethnic violence.

The outrage started when foreign and local observers suspected the election was rigged in favor of Kibaki, who was elected to serve his second five year term as president. Opposition candidate, Raila Odinga wanted a new election, but Kibaki made it clear he would not negotiate nor step down from his position as president.

The news of the possible electoral fraud outraged locals which has lead to on going violence and many revenge based crimes. Gangs are running through the streets with machetes and bows and arrows and setting fire to homes and buildings. People are being beaten and burned to death by rampaging crowds.

Men from rival tribes have been hunting each other through the streets while burning houses and blocking roads. It is believed police in the area may be responsible for some of the killing, although they claim to use force only to break up fighting mobs.

The violence is also being brought on by ethnic clashes over decades-old grudges about land and resources. Much of the anger and attacks are aimed at Kibaki's Kikuyu tribes, who have dominated politics and the economy in Kenya for years.

Odinga stated President Kibaki needs to step down otherwise the killings will not stop. "Kenyans will continue to resist Kibaki because they didn't elect him," Odinga said.

A need for settlement between rivals Kibaki and Odinga has been urgently growing everyday as this violence spreads. Former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan set up meetings between the two men to come up with a possible solution. Annan has been selected to meditate these peace talks. He believes it could take two weeks to decide what to do with this immediate crisis and up to a year to solve completely.

U.N. Secretary, General Ban Ki-moon, is fearful about the long term effects this violence will have on the country. "I call on the Kenyan people, stop the killings and end the violence now before it's too late," Ban said.

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Dr. Phil regrets commenting on Britney Spears

By CARLYN SPANGLER
Flashlight Writer

"Dr. Phil" McGraw, American Talk Show host, is in trouble for his comments about Britney Spears.

Last week, ABC's Good Morning America host, Diane Sawyer, sat down in an interview with McGraw. This was his first one-on-one interview since the Spears scandal. The scandal erupted when Spears was scheduled to hand over custody of her sons Sean Preston, two, and Jayden James, 15 months, to ex-husband Kevin Federline's bodyguard. Spears was taken in an ambulance to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles. She was hospitalized for two days on Jan 3.

The reason for the hospital visit was due to an emotionally disturbed Spears who locked herself in her bathroom with Jayden James. When she refused to hand back her sons to Federline's representatives, the police were called.

McGraw landed himself in hot water when he went to the hospital and made the comment that Spears is "someone who needs help." He regrets making the statement and he believes his statement did not help or harm her.

Critics accuse McGraw of practicing psychology without a license. McGraw states, "I did not go there to diagnose her, I did not go there to treat her," McGraw said. He expressed that he just wanted to help. McGraw told USA Today he went as "a friend and ally of the family, not as a psychologist."

McGraw retired his Texas license after 25 years of private practice because of the demands of his daytime talk show, "Dr. Phil." As a result of this he was never licensed as a psychologist in Calif. In the interview McGraw says, "When I returned my license, I didn't turn in 25 or 30 years of experience."

McGraw has not had contact with Spears' family since the incident and says he never initiated contact. However, the Spears family believes that McGraw betrayed their trust by saying, "inappropriate" public statements about the hospitalization.

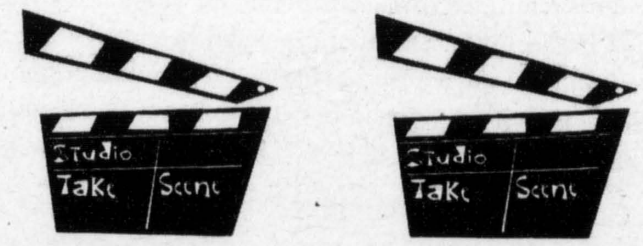
To appease the situation, McGraw released a statement to the press stating, "I definitely think if I had it to do over again, I probably wouldn't make any statement at all. Period."

McGraw expressed his apologies and ended the interview saying, "I hope and pray that Britney will get help and that her life will be used as a great lesson for young stars that come along behind her."

McGraw's prayer was answered on Jan 31, when Spears was taken to the UCLA Medical Center in order to "get help." She willingly went to the Medical center and authorities have decided to keep her as long as necessary in the psychiatric ward. This is Spears' second 72 hour commitment in four weeks.

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New flu vaccination technique gives hope to those who fear needles

By KIMBERLEE BLOCKER
Flashlight Writer

For years patients have had a growing fear of doctors and needles, but researchers say that relief is on the way. Flu vaccinations will soon be given under the tongue.

The vaccine has only been tested on mice but is said to be a painless alternative to the known prick and discomfort of the needle.

Many research efforts of applying the vaccine to the mucus membranes have been tried to avoid needles and to create a vaccine that survives in the harsh environment of the digestive system that can destroy the vaccine. Under the tongue methods have also been done but they all have had drawbacks.

Dr Mi Na Kweon and team from the Mucosal Immunology International Vaccine Institute in Seoul, South Korea; have said that just two doses under the tongues of the mice prepared their immune systems to battle and fight off what would have been a deadly dose of the flu. Now the team is ready to test their findings on humans and to see if this new under the tongue vaccination can build the human immune system.

By just putting a few drops of the vaccine underneath the tongue sends the fluid straight to the mucus membranes and prompts a response both in mucus tissues throughout the body as well as in the immune system itself, the researchers said.



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Needles may be a way of the past.

"Sublingual [under the tongue] vaccination elicits broad spectrums of systemic and mucosal immunity. This route is needle-free so that developing countries' people would most benefit to avoid contamination/infection by reused needles," Kweon said.

According to Yahoo! News, Dr. William Schaffner of Vanderbilt University noted that recent flu studies have involved nasal sprays.

"Many people are averse to people messing with their nose ... so there are limitations to nasal spray," Yahoo! News said.

Kweon had also said that with nasal sprays there may be a chance of the vaccine affecting the nervous system, which is not a risk of the under the tongue vaccine.

The under the tongue vaccine worked under both the conditions of a live or inactivated virus, Kweon reported. The vaccine could also be expected to be flavored to make it more pleasing to patients.

Zeppelin Reunion: Fact or Fiction?

By MIKE LENGEL
Flashlight Writer

For fans of legendary rock group Led Zeppelin, the rumors of a reunion tour provided about as much excitement as the human mind can produce.

Though the rumors haven't completely withered away, it's hard to tell what the band will do next - they've played one reunion show in London this past Nov. The three remaining members, Robert Plant, Jimmy Page, and John Paul Jones, and Jason Bonham, son of the late John Bonham, played two hours of "all the great songs that everybody wants to hear," promoter Harvey Goldsmith said.

The concert cruised easily as the group switched tempos flawlessly. The set list provided greats like "Whole Lotta Love," "Stairway to Heaven," "Since I've Been Loving You," and "Dazed and Confused," and a song never played live by the band, "For Your Life."

The band had previously tried reunion shows, but they ended up problematic, once in 1985 and again in 1988.

The band, much older since their glory days, still found the kick in their music, though none of them revived any of the trademark techniques: only once did Jimmy Page whip out the violin bow, and Robert Plant's sexual presence on stage has matured into a 59 year old persona. Jason Bonham picked up his father's place quite accurately; reviews say that he did nothing but surprise the audience and band alike. All in all, Led Zeppelin sounded like they haven't lost a step in 30 years.



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Will the legendary rock group, Led Zeppelin, return for another tour?

The reunion concert in London's o2 Hall sold to more than 22,000 people, with tickets averaging £125 (approximately $250). If these ticket prices are any indication, reunion ticket prices could cost people a big chunk of change. However, to devoted fans and to those who weren't yet born to experience arguably the greatest band in the history of modern music, there may still be hope.

The Grammy's celebrate their golden anniverary

By MICHELLE POLCZYNSKI
Flashlight Writer

With the Super Bowl now over, what is left to get excited about?

On Feb 10 at 8 p.m. music artists, producers and recording engineers will hold their breath as the results of the 50th Annual Grammy Awards are presented.

Viewers can tune into CBS to watch the suspense unfold as the awards are presented from over 100 categories and recent drama as the spotlight unfolds. Viewers can catch performances by Beyonce, The Foo Fighters, Carrie Underwood, Feist, Alicia Keys, Brad Paisley, and more.

This will be the 50th anniversary of the awards, but with the writer's strike a growing concern, many wondered if the show would go on. The Writers Guild of America has agreed to "cross picket lines" to ensure the Grammy's will continue.

WGA West President Patrick Verrone was quoted saying, "Professional musicians face many of the same issues that we do concerning fair compensation for the use of their work in new media."

The strike is not the only part of the Grammy's in the spotlight this year. With artists Busta Rhymes and Amy Winehouse up for nominations, they've also caught some crowd attention.

After assaulting a fan in August 2006, driving with a suspended license, and driving while intoxicated, rapper Busta Rhymes has been sentenced to 10 days of community service and three years probation, as well as a $1,250 fine. Some may question the effect this will have on his results in the upcoming awards.

Amy Winehouse is nominated for six Grammy's including best new artist and album of the year, as well as record and song of the year. Winehouse's recent behavior in regards to her husband's court hearing as well as an allegation of Valium use and inhaling fumes from a pipe may leave some disappointment in fans of the upcoming Grammy Awards.

The anniversary of the Grammy Awards is sure to impress as fans, artists, producers and recording engineers watch it all happen on February 10th. With the recent drama, anticipation, live performances and appearances by artists from all genres, it's bound to be a show worth watching.

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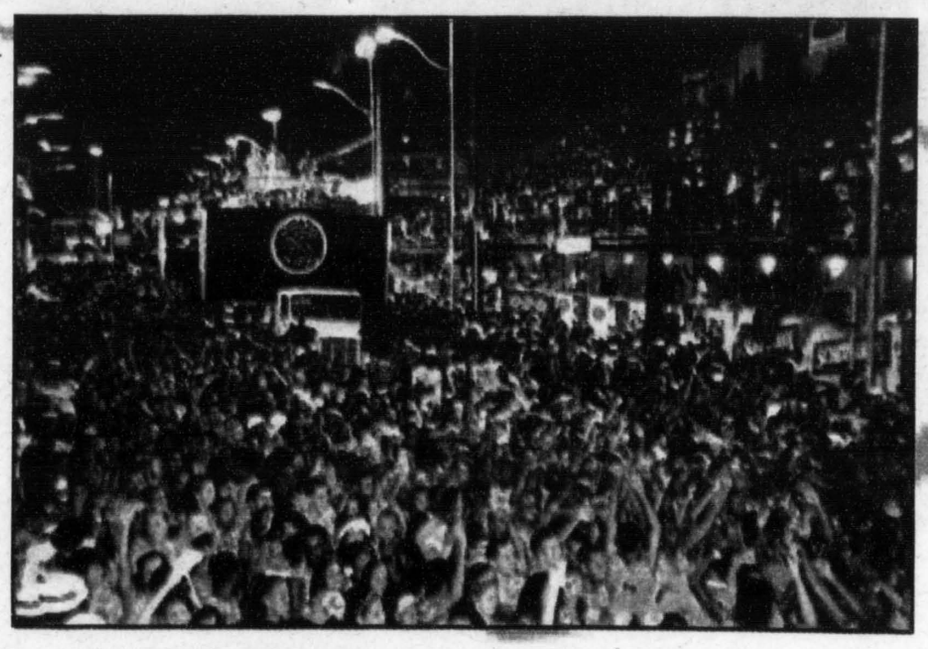
Rio De Janeiro



Carnival in Rio de Janeiro began in 1723. Immigrants from the Portuguese islands brought the idea for the party. The samba parade is the most famous parade during Carnival in Rio de Janeiro.

Salvador

According to the Guinness book of world records, the Carnaval de Salvador de Bahia is the largest street party on the planet. For the week, almost two million people come together on the street for the party.



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Mardi Gras took place Feb. 5. Mardi Gras is as Fat Tuesday, Shrov Pancake Day. Even th cans tend to celebrate for a month, it is actu one day that signifies Carnival. The party fo starts on Jan. 6 on a h is known as Twelfth N Gras leads right into A day and the season of

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Germany

Mardi Gras in Germany is called Karneval, Fastnacht, or Fasching. Fastnacht literally translates to 'the eve of the beginning fast.' Fastnacht is celebrated in Germany the day before Ash Wednesday.



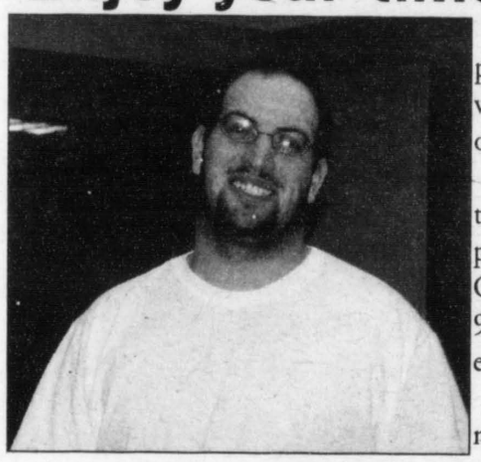
Venice

The Carnival of Venice was first recorded in 1268. Venetian people were allowed to wear masks during the month of Carnival as well as during ascension, from October 5 to Christmas. The Austrians took over the city of Venice and Carnival celebrations ceased for almost two centuries. Carnival was outlawed by the fascist government in 1930s. The celebration had a resurgence during the 1980s when a modern mask shop was founded.

Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

Enjoy your time in college



This is the first time on campus that I've been here that a trip was arranged to see an away game of any sporting event.

SGA reserved two buses for the game and had 94 tickets for people to go. SGA President Mike Conaway said SGA gave away all 94 tickets and received 90 or more emails about going to the game.

It's enjoyable to hear this news of students taking advantage of this opportunity.

Being in college is supposed to be a fun time. Playing video games all night or staying in every night doesn't fit that bill to me.

It seems organizations like SGA and MAC (Mansfield Activities Counsel) are trying to have events for the students.

I realize not everyone likes sports but there are more than just sporting events on campus.

To say there is nothing to do here makes me wonder why someone would choose to come to Mansfield in the first place.

Last week I was walking through Manser and a member of the Student Government Association (SGA) was there asking students to go on a bus trip to the basketball game on Wednesday at Bloomsburg. It was great to see the excitement that he was showing to support the team.

So many times I here there is nothing to do, its such a small town. This is a great opportunity to support the basketball team and to do something with your friends and even meet new people.

SGA had such a good turnout they are planning to another away game within a reasonable distance. Hopefully the response to that bus trip is just as good as this one.

Remaining Basketball Schedule

Feb. 9 vs Millersville- at 1 and 3 p.m.

Feb. 13 vs Kutztown- at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 16 @ Cheyney at 1 and 3 p.m.

Feb. 23 @ West Chester at 1 and 3 p.m.

Feb. 27 @ East Stroudsburg at 6 and 8 p.m.

March 1 vs Bloomsburg at 1 and 3 p.m.

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How well do you know... 80s Movies?

Test your knowledge

By CARRIE GOODYEAR
Flashlight Writer

The Breakfast Club

1. What is *The Breakfast Club*?
   a. A group of straight A students who meet for breakfast every morning before classes
   b. A restaurant
   c. A band
   d. A brain, an athlete, a basket case, a princess and a criminal

2. What school do the kids in *the Breakfast Club* attend?
   a. New Trier High School
   b. Rancocas Valley High School
   c. Grove City High School
   d. Mansfield High School

3. How many of the kids in *the Breakfast Club* went on to have adult acting careers?
   a. 1
   b. 2
   c. 4
   d. 5

Dirty Dancing

1. Which *Dirty Dancing* star co-wrote the song, 'She's like the wind?'
   a. Jennifer Grey
   b. Patrick Swayze
   c. Jerry Orbach
   d. Kelly Bishop

2. What is Baby's real name
   a. Betty
   b. Cynthia
   c. Francis
   d. Baby

3. What year did *Dirty Dancing* take place?
   a. 1953
   b. 1963
   c. 1967
   d. 1973

Ferris Bueller's Day Off

1. Which two actors from *The Breakfast Club* and *Dirty Dancing* co-starred in *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*?
   a. Jennifer Grey & Emilio Estevez
   b. Patrick Swayze & Molly Ringwald
   c. Jennifer Grey & Anthony Michael Hall
   d. Jerry Orbach and Molly Ringwald

2. What movie didn't Matthew Broderick star in after *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*?
   a. *Inspector Gadget*
   b. *The Music Man*
   c. *The Producers*
   d. *Muppets in Space*

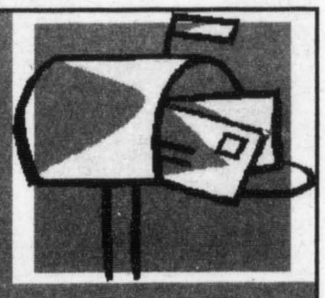
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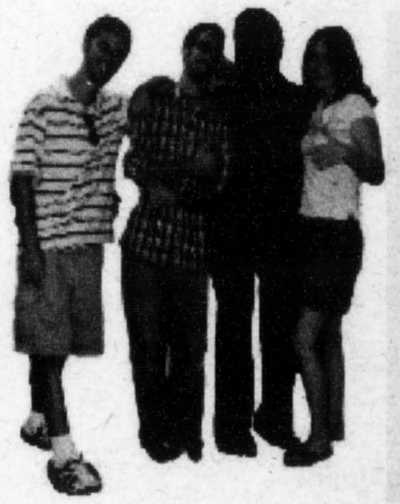
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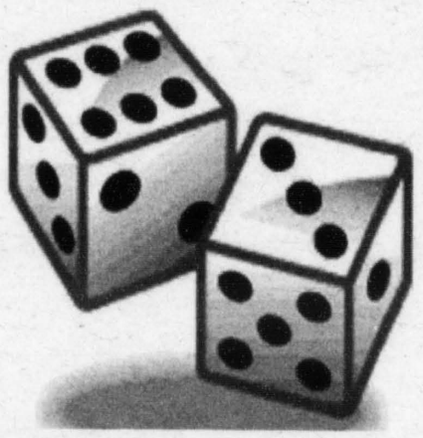
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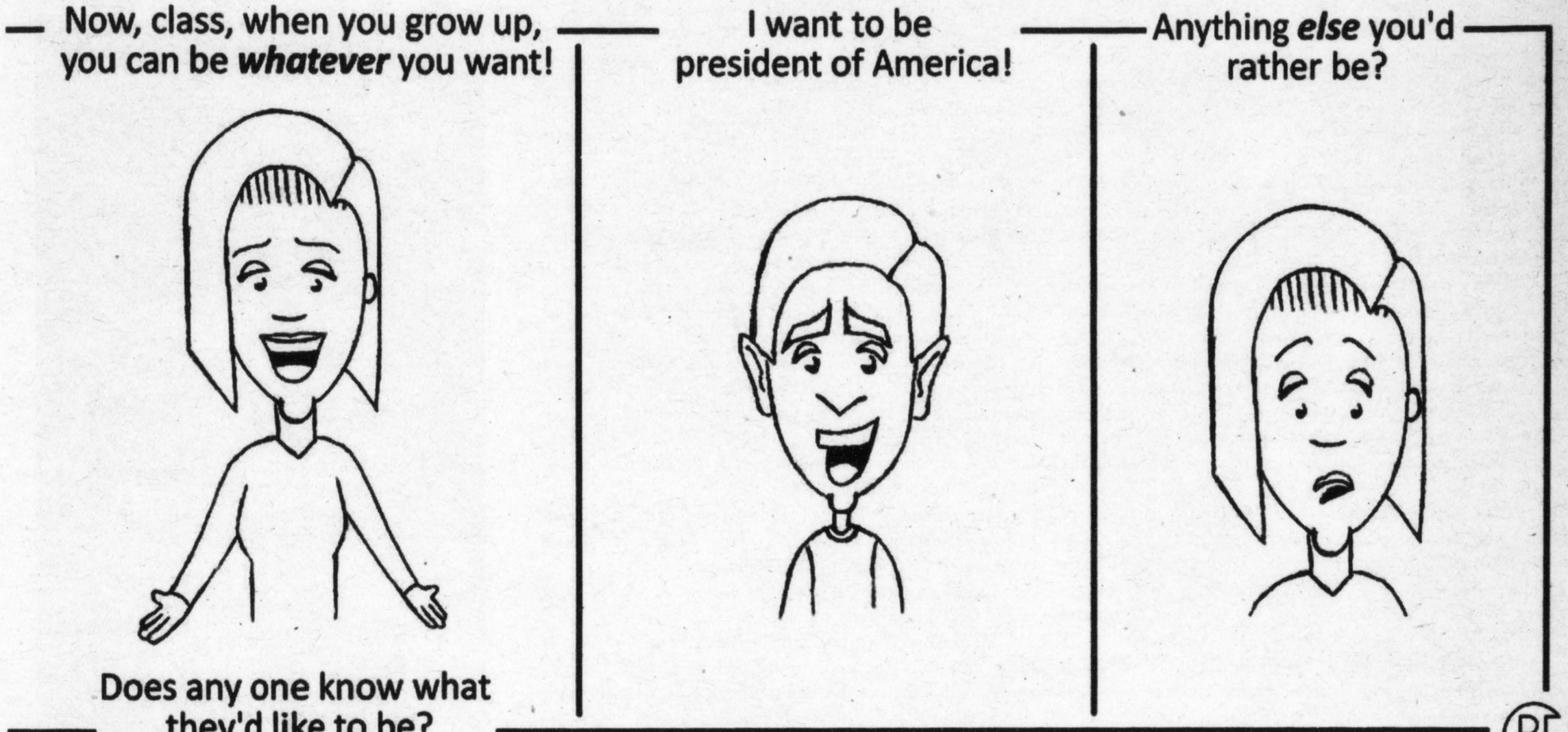


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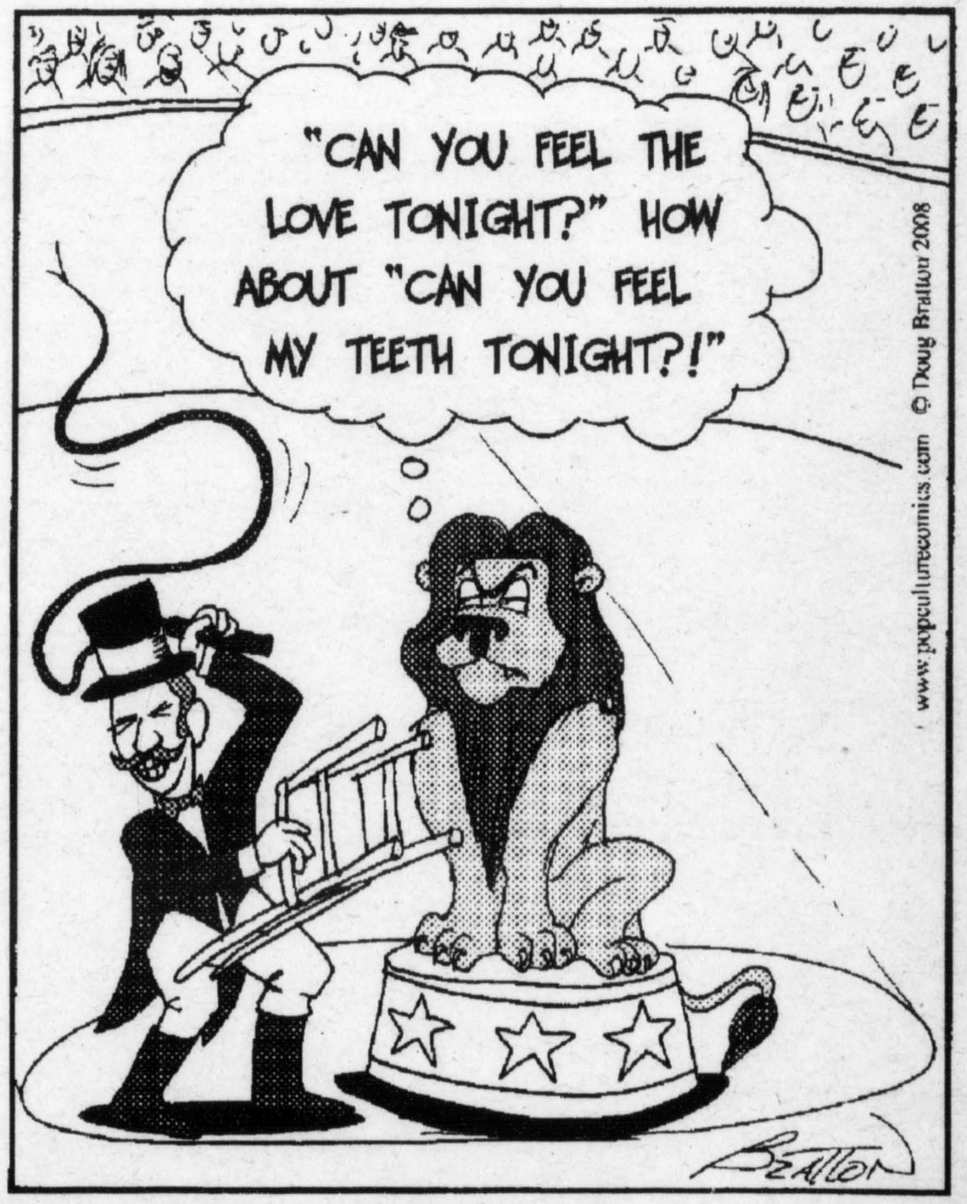
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Mountaineer Women's basketball team wins first conference game of the season

By DANELLE MILLER
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

The Mansfield Mountaineer women's basketball team won their first conference game against East Stroudsburg University but lost the second game to West Chester University.

The women defeated East Stroudsburg 62-59 on Wed. Jan. 30 and lost to West Chester 77-68 Sat. Feb. 2.

The East Stroudsburg Warriors started the game with a lay-up from their junior guard, Jackie Yandrisevits. Clarissa Correll, junior guard, scored the first points for Mansfield with a lay-up at the 18:21 mark.

A little over six minutes into the first half, the women went on a 12-1 run against East Stroudsburg, giving Mansfield an 19-11 lead. DeAnna Rayam broke the run with a three-point shot, but the Warriors trailed behind the Lady Mountaineers for the rest of the first half.

The second half began with the Warriors trailing 35-30. East Stroudsburg had their first lead of the game at the 16:38 mark when Monika Fogelsanger put in a lay-up, making the score 36-35.

That was the last time the Warriors pulled ahead of the Lady Mountaineers. The women went on a 9-0 run at the 12:07 mark with a jumper from junior forward Katie Akins, a lay-up from Correll and senior guard/forward Jeanette Meachem and successful free throws from Espigh and Meachem.

Correll and junior guard Alicia Espigh each had a high score of 16 points and Jeanette Meachem earned a double-double with 14 points and 10 rebounds.

Ruth Hermansen is the head coach for the women's team. "I was pleased with the defensive effort," Hermansen said. "We knew coming into the game that East Stroudsburg was a free throw team. We just had to stay composed and not let them get to the line. This win gave us a shot of confidence."

Three days later, the women's basketball team traveled to West Chester, but did not have the same success as their previous game against East Stroudsburg. The West Chester game started out in the women's favor when sophomore forward Merissa Gaeta hit a jumper and scored the first basket of the game. The Golden Rams pulled ahead of the Mountaineers with a three-point basket from Catherine Andrews.

The Mountaineer women were frozen in their tracks for eight minutes as the Golden Rams went on an 11-0 run, bringing the score to 15-2. Espigh hit a three-point basket at 11:37 to break West Chester's run.

The women chipped away at West Chester's lead, but could not pull ahead by the end of the half. Espigh hit four more three-pointers by the end, but it wasn't enough.

Hermansen commented on Espigh's ability to shoot three-pointers. "Alicia knows that's her role. The team knows they can find her and she'll score," Hermansen said. "Mallory and Alicia used to play side-by-side. After Mallory Hafer tore her ACL so Alicia was forced to step in. Because of that, she has gained more confidence."

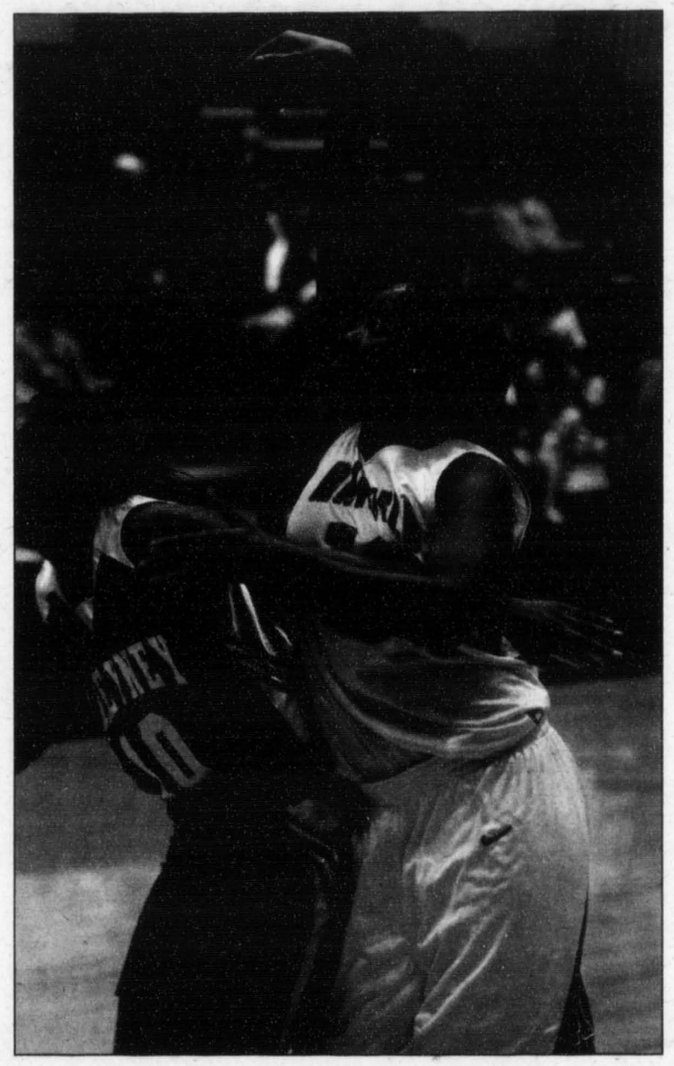
The second half began with Gaeta hitting a jumper bringing the score to 40-34. The women could only come as close as a six point deficit at the 18:43 mark.

Espigh continued to shoot three-pointers, hitting three in the second half, eight overall.

Hermansen commented on Gaeta starting and playing more minutes. "The opportunity presented itself. She was ready because she worked hard in practice everyday and kept a good attitude and work ethic," Hermansen said.

Mountaineers women high scorers were Espigh with 22 points and a perfect 5-5 beyond the arc in the first half. Correll and Gaeta contributed 14 points.

The women will travel to Bloomsburg University on Wed. Feb. 6.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Jeanette Meachem earned a double-double in the game against East Stroudsburg. She scored 14 points and grabbed 10 rebounds.

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Mountaineer Men's Basketball wins in PSAC East conference, record improved to 2-3 and 4-0 in overtime

By NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

The Mansfield men's basketball team earned their first two conference wins against East Stroudsburg University and West Chester University, bringing their conference record to 2-3.

The men defeated East Stroudsburg 83-81 on Jan. 30 and West Chester 79-69 on Feb. 2. Both games were won in overtime, making the West Chester game the fourth overtime men's basketball game to be played in Decker Gymnasium this season.

"We have more of an advantage going into overtime than other teams because we have a deep bench," Miller said. "We have 14 guys who can play and help out – few teams can say that. But we have a lot of confidence in overtime and are able to make things happen."

Mansfield's first conference win against East Stroudsburg started off in favor of their opponent. After getting the tip-off, East Stroudsburg took the ball down the court, resulting in a three-pointer from junior forward Aaron Pinckney. Mansfield fired back with a lay-up from senior forward, Brandon Lawley, and a lay-up from freshman forward Yuseff Carr to give Mansfield an early lead which they maintained until halftime. When the buzzer sounded, the Mountaineers were ahead 37-36 at the end of the first 20 minutes. It was the first time this conference season that the team led going into the second half.

Senior guard, John Hampton, commented on the teams lead at the end of the half.

"An early lead enables us to control the game," Hampton said. "It's much easier to go out into the second half with the points on our side than to go out and have to play catch-up."

Mansfield continued to lead 45-40 three minutes into the second half until East Stroudsburg went on a 20-5 scoring run. The run was capped off by a lay-up from East Stroudsburg's Josh Wentz, making the score 60-50 in favor of the Warriors.

The Mountaineers trailed by three points with a little over a minute left in regulation when Hampton hit a three-pointer to tie the game 71-71. Twenty-four seconds later, Hampton was fouled by Wentz. Making both free throws, Hampton gave Mansfield a 73-71 lead. The Mountaineers tried to hold on, but a lay-up from East Stroudsburg's Chris Bach with 29 seconds to go sent the game into overtime.

East Stroudsburg started out strong in overtime, scoring the first five points. At the 2:18 mark, they led 78-73. Seconds later, a jumper and two foul shots from sophomore guard, Ryan Callahan, brought Mansfield within three points of tying the game. East Stroudsburg retaliated with a free throw, stretching the Warrior's lead to four points with 1:01 to go. With forty-six seconds remaining, senior forward/guard, Kevin Hill, buried a three-pointer making the score 81-80 – the lead still in favor of East Stroudsburg. Moments later, as if his lucky number, Hill drilled the game-winning three-point shot off of an assist from Hampton with three seconds left. The Mountaineers won the game 83-81.

Major contributors of the game included Hampton with a game high 23 points, Hill with 17, Callahan with 10 and Lawley with 10 points, eight rebounds and four assists.

"Our first win was great," Hill said. "We needed it as a team real bad in order to get some confidence again. I think we let ESU back in it a couple times and didn't take advantage of their big man being out like we should have. But getting the win was a great feeling."

With one conference triumph under their belt, Mansfield went on to play West Chester.

While West Chester got the tip-off and was the first to gain possession of the ball, Mansfield was the first to score off of a fast break lay-up from junior point-guard, Chris Greene.

Mansfield started out aggressive, switching to a full court press less than two minutes into the game. From strong offensive and defensive rebounds by Lawley and Hampton, to Greene diving onto the floor after a loose ball, rolling, injuring his wrist and still getting the ball back, the Mountaineers seemed to maintain a high level of intensity during the first half. The men followed up their shots, dished out clean assists and made strong moves to the hoop.

"We just wanted to keep up the intensity," Hampton said. "Armen Henderson brings up the energy every time he comes in off the bench and Rodney Norris goes strong in the paint. Chris Pender is finally back and he contributed with seven points while he played. Everyone who comes in brings something to the game."

The Mountaineers went on a 10-0 scoring run for the first five minutes of the game. West Chester attempted to chip away at their lead, but could only manage to get within four points at the 8:34 mark, the closest they got the entire first half. Mansfield entered the locker room at the end of the first 20 minutes with a 37-28 lead.

"I think our defense has been what's won our past few games," Hampton said. "We held West Chester in the first half in scoring. I think they were only shooting 40 percent. In order to win games, you need to be able to make it difficult for the other team through good defense."

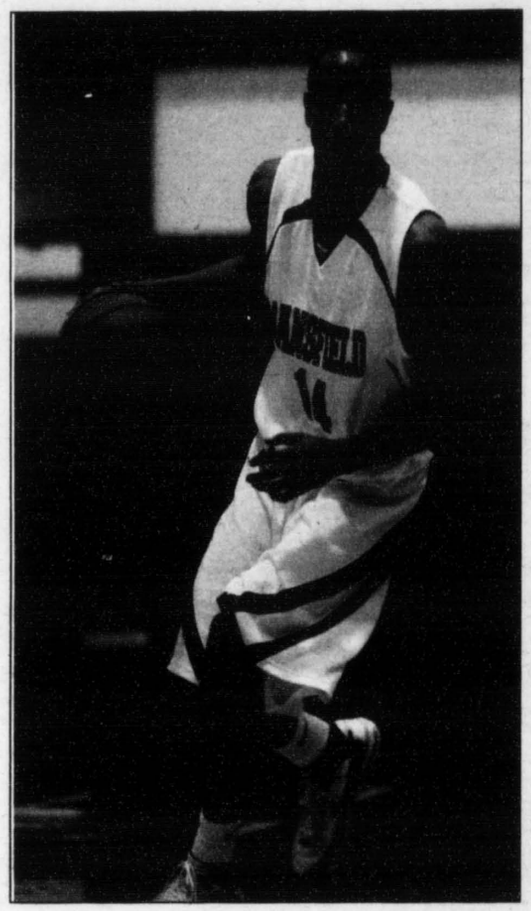
Hill made the first bucket of the second half with a jumper from mid-range that was quickly followed by an additional jumper from Lawley. The momentum would not last, however, as the Mountaineers aggressiveness seemed to die down.

"We do get lackadaisical at points," Hampton said. "At times we'll lose focus or take it easy, giving up possessions. We just need to keep our killer instinct from start to finish and continue to pick up our defense."

Mansfield tried to regain their intensity, but the damage had already been done. At the 7:59 mark, West Chester had brought the spread to as close as two points. A series of quick shots followed. Whenever Mansfield made a shot, West Chester took the ball down the other end of the court and retaliated with a bucket of their own. Mansfield managed to maintain their small one or three point lead until the 6:23 mark when West Chester's sophomore guard, Kenneth St. George, made a foul shot to tie the game 54-54. The Golden Rams placed pressure on Mansfield until they were finally rewarded at the 4:11 mark when a lay-up from Lenwood Greenwood gave West Chester their first lead of the night.

With 2:08 left in regulation, Greene calmly put up a three-point shot to return the lead to Mansfield. At the 1:25 time out, the score remained 66-65 in favor of the Mountaineers. West Chester tried to lessen the deficit by picking up their defensive pressure, but fouled sophomore guard Chris Pender. Pender made his free throw, but Mansfield knew they were not out of the clear. As the fans screamed "defense" and stomped their feet to help motivate Mansfield to get a defensive stop, West Chester's sophomore guard Kehinde Roberts drilled a two-point shot, sending the Mountaineers into another overtime.

"We've had plenty of opportunities to win it during regulation," Hampton said. "But when we can't, we go into overtime with the mentality that it's another five minutes to just do what we have to do – win the game."



SPORTS INFORMATION
John Hampton was the leading scorer against East Stroudsburg with 23 points.

Unlike the East Stroudsburg game, Mansfield controlled the ball and the points for most of overtime. Mansfield held the Golden Rams scoreless for the first four minutes of overtime with a jumper and follow up free throw from Greene, a crowd-pleasing dunk from Lawley, a three-pointer from Pender and two fouls shots from Hampton. The only points West Chester was able to put up came from free throws on two separate occasions; one at the 1:22 mark and one with eight seconds remaining in overtime. Mansfield won the game 79-69.

After winning their second overtime game in a row, Hill commented on the fan support throughout the final minutes of the game.

"We love it when the fans get into the game and start screaming," Hill said. "We really needed the crowd to be into it more with about 10 minutes left in the second half. Our team feeds off of the energy as well as the bench. We need more screaming from the crowd during the games."

Leading scorers of the game included Hill with a game high of 18 points, Greene with 12 and Lawley with his third conference double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

Mansfield's aggressiveness led to a recorded 20 steals; their second highest total in a game this season.

"I feel we're playing pretty intense for the most part the last few games," Hill said. "But we need to start closing games out at the end. It's not our conditioning, but the need to get stops at the one end and execute our offense on the other. At the end of each game, we're constantly reminding each other to do the little things in order to win. Rebound, box out, be patient, and so on."

Mansfield goes on to play Bloomsburg University Wednesday, Feb. 6 and Millersville University Saturday, Feb. 9.

Swim Team says good-bye at final meet

By NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

The Mansfield swim team participated in its final meet of the regular season Sat., Feb. 2 against East Stroudsburg University.

Saturday's meet was the last meet before senior Maureen Maikner, junior Tricia Learn, sophomore Sarah Koontz and freshman Katie Stillittano head to the PSAC Championships Feb. 21-24. The championship meet will take place at Cumberland Valley High School.

Danita Fox, head coach of the swim team, commented on her team's efforts at East Stroudsburg.

"We did really well and had some personal best times and we got a good effort out of all the swimmers," Fox said. "What's most satisfying as a coach is the continued unity they're developing. They're a small group of women who, six months ago, were unsure of their place on the team. But they all rallied together and came to realize that they all have something to bring to the program. That was the most satisfying part of this meet – being able to look back on how far they've come."

During Saturday's races, Maikner earned a first place finish in the 200 yard breaststroke with a time of 2:42.59 in addition to a third place finish in the 200 yard freestyle (2:09.62). Maureen will compete in this year's PSAC championship in the 100 yard butterfly.

"Maureen has done very well this year," Fox said. "The competition will be tough at PSAC's, but Maureen had a good training partner with Tricia Learn. Mentally, she'll have to be tough because there are a lot of fast swimmers in our conference. The Pennsylvania conference is the fastest Division II conference in the nation; it consists of the fastest 18 swimmers altogether. This can make it hard because it's a competitive group of individuals. But at the same time, it's a good thing because it really means something if you do well among them. Really, we're just looking for some personal bests, regardless of where we place."

Learn also finished strong at the East Stroudsburg meet with a first place finish in the 500 yard freestyle (5:37.64) as well as a second place finish in the 400 yard individual medley with a time of 5:02.38.

"I definitely wanted a fast time because it was my last meet for awhile," Learn said. "The girl from ESU went out very hard and I just tried to stay within touch of her. I ended up catching her and was fairly pleased with my time."

Learn will compete in the 200 yard backstroke at the PSAC championships as well as the relay team that also consists of teammates Maikner, Koontz and Stillittano.

Coach Fox commented on what she hopes the relay team will accomplish at the championships.

"In the relays, we're looking to beat one or two teams," Fox said. "We're at the bottom but we want to go into the PSAC's looking to win. We want to surprise some people – don't count us out."

At the East Stroudsburg meet, the relay team finished second in the 200 yard freestyle relay event with a time of 1:51.03.

Koontz observed that the last meet of the season is a different atmosphere than the rest of the meets during the season.

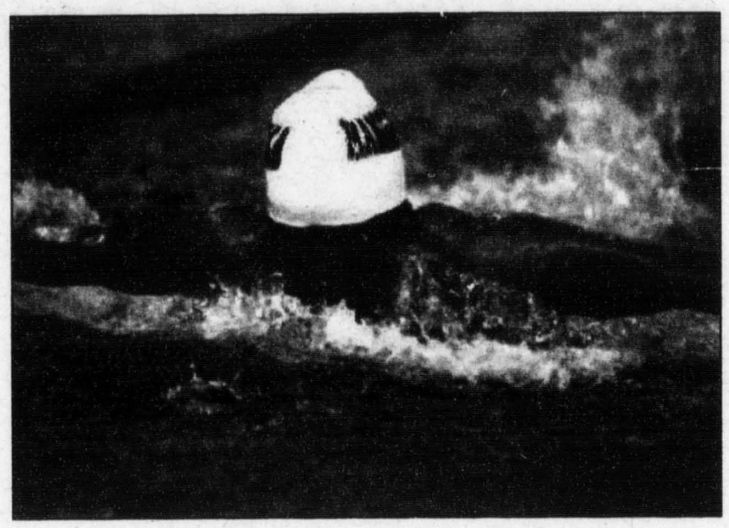
"This meet is always a lot of fun because some of the swimmers are there to make their times – to qualify," Koontz said. "Being the last meet of the season with some of the swimmers on the verge of qualifying, everyone swims fast. What's so interesting about this meet is that the teams that are there cheer for one another. There was a girl from Millersville swimming the 1650 to try and qualify. When each of the teams' swimmers were done, everyone cheered for her. When she qualified, the whole natatorium was cheering for her – the swimmers, the coaches, the fans; it didn't matter what team you were from. There were also a few time trials at the end of the meet. Time trials are for timing, typically for qualifying times, and don't count for points. One of the ESU girls was trying to qualify for PSAC's. Maureen wanted to help the other girl qualify and volunteered to swim the time trial to try and push her and keep pace. This meet was about fast times - trying to help everyone make it."

With the conclusion of Mansfield's regular swim season, the four swimmers look to start preparing for the PSAC's.

Coach Fox mentioned the team's approach to their championship training.

"Tricia, since she's a distance swimmer, will start to taper next week to prepare for the PSAC's, but the other three girls will start to taper this week," Fox said. "Tapering is when you lessen, gradually, your yardage and weight training. They're going to start getting more rest, stretching more, and start becoming mentally prepared – the whole package."

Even through the anticipation of the conference events,



SPORTS INFORMATION

Maureen Maikner finished first place in the 200 yard breaststroke in her final meet of the season.

Learn and Koontz look at the reality that the end of this season will bring; the idea that this is the last year for Coach Fox and teammate Maikner.

"It's really hard because it's a real ending," Koontz said. "Maureen will still be involved with the swim team next year but she won't be in the water. She's been such good competition and so much fun to practice with. Parting with Coach Fox will also be extremely hard. She is so much more to this team than a coach. She's a mentor, a mom at times, a friend, a coach, someone you can go to on a bad day and a good day and talk to about anything. To find someone like that in your life is not a common thing, and for her to have to leave is really hard to deal with. She's affected everyone on the team so much, and for this season to be over is really hard for everyone. We've become such a close team."

Coach Fox commented on the last season meet of her career at Mansfield University.

"At the last meet, I was thinking about the swimmers," Fox said. "I'm blessed with a small but great group of women. I haven't enjoyed myself like I have this season with this group. It was a great, great year and a great way to finish. It may not seem like a great year in terms of the win/loss ratio, but I'll take the deep relationships I've gained over wins any day."

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Mansfield Boxing Club fights hard to start season

By CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL
Flashlight Sports Writer

The boxing club sent five boxers to Shippensburg University Sat., but only three had the opportunity to fight.

Roi Ligon was ill and couldn't fight while John Mendez's competitor also suffered from the same circumstances, leaving Mendez unable to compete. The only three boxers to fight were Jarrell Hill, Dan Lawrence and Mike Cobaugh.

Hill's fight was the closest of the three fights. He fought against Lock Haven University's Andy Pizarro.

Chris Phifer is the president of the Boxing Club. "All three rounds Hill had control of the guy and I thought it would be close, but still be his fight in the end," Phifer said. "After three rounds of what looked like Hill's fight, the judges gave their decision in favor of Hill's competitor - Hill was robbed."

Lawrence fought against Isaiah Varisano, a national qualifier last year. He lost the fight, but Phifer believed it could have gone the other way.

"Dan is a very hard-hitting guy, especially for his weight class. He can throw punch after punch really quick, but he has a problem getting motivated inside the ring," Phifer said.

Lawrence initially used boxing as a way to stay in shape. As he's progressed through his college boxing career, he's admitted that the collegiate level has been a tough transition.

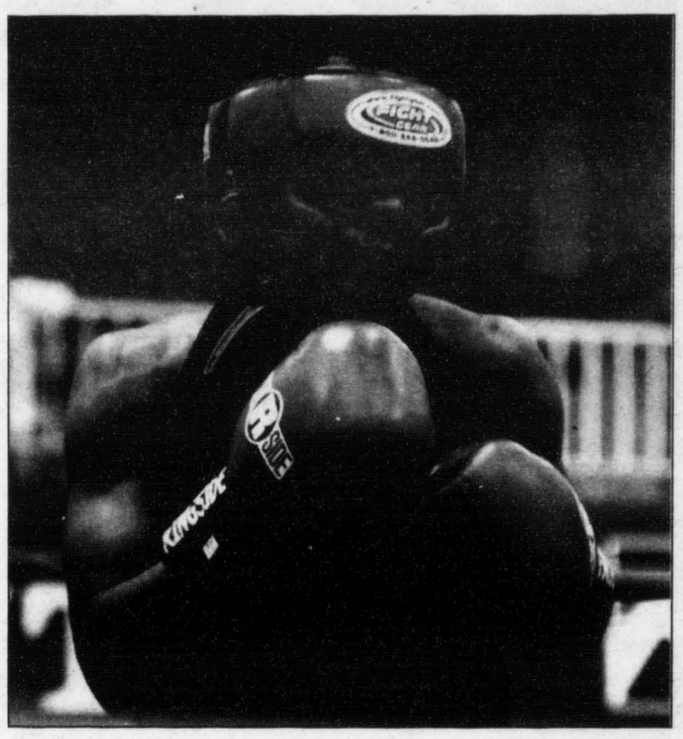
"It's been hard to adjust to the collegiate level of boxing because I'm used to boxing multiple people," Lawrence said. "But now I have to constantly change my strategy of fighting because I have limited opponents who are always changing their style."

Lawrence is also recovering from a pulled back that he injured after sparring with Phifer.

The final fight was Cobaugh's. Originally supposed to go up against a guy who said he never did any boxing before, Cobaugh ended up fighting, Caliph McCoy, an experienced fighter from Philadelphia. Phifer and the rest of the boxers had no choice but to stop the match for safety reasons.

Even though the three boxers lost their fights, Phifer is still excited for the future of the boxing team.

"I definitely think we are constantly getting better," Phifer said. "Last year we were a small team but this year we have a lot more fighters on the team who are talented in their own ways. We also keep training hard trying to get as many as we can to regionals and nationals. I just want people to be excited about coming to our match on Feb. 23."

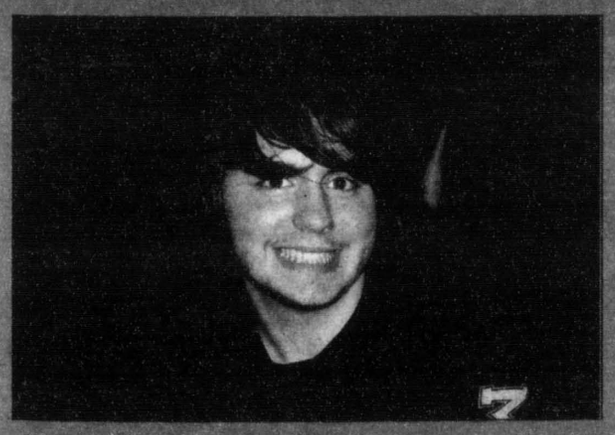


SPORTS INFORMATION
Jarrell Hill fought a close fight at Shippensburg University.

Word on the Street: With Nicole and Danelle

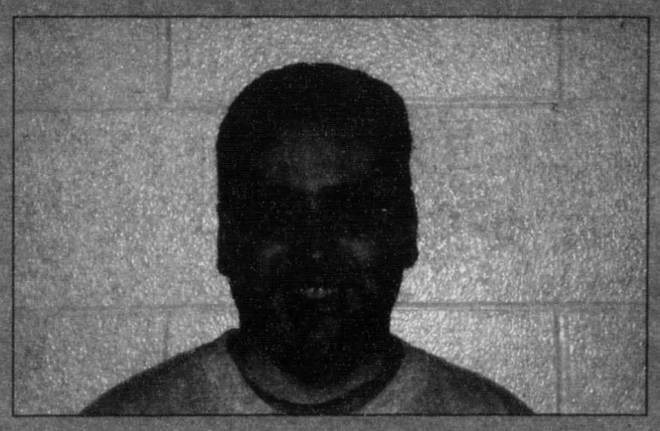
"Word on the Street" is a new addition to the sports section where we ask an inquiring, deep, pensive question each week about current sports news - anyone on campus is at risk. This week we decided to ask about the Superbowl XLII upset where the undefeated New England Patriots lost 17-14 to the New York Giants.

Q: What is your reaction to the New York Giants winning the Superbowl?



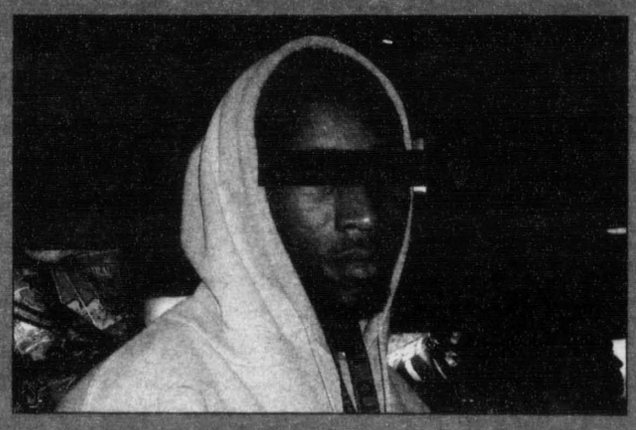
"I was thrilled... ecstatic. Why? Because I don't like the Patriots AT ALL."

Nick Webb



"I'm pretty happy about it. I'm glad Tom Brady lost - he's too cocky for his own good."

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Race Walkers compete in Madison Square Garden

By ERIC BOHANNON
Editor-in-Chief

Not knowing what you are getting into might be the best thing for an athlete sometimes. Freshman race walker Michelle Clarke might agree with this after finishing sixth in the mile at the 101 Milrose Games at Madison Square Gardens Friday night.

This was Clarke's second race as a race walker, competing against Olympians in a large arena.

Mike Rohl is the head coach for cross country. "She went right at it," Rohl said. "She wasn't afraid of anything and wasn't bothered, she just went out there and had fun."

Clarke was joined on the track by fellow race walker Chelsea Conway, who finished in tenth place. "Chelsea did a real good job," Rohl said. "She's gotten a lot better. We changed her training style from what she did in high school and she's improving greatly."

Conway enjoyed the experience of competing with the best. "It wasn't my best time, but it was a good experience and really exciting," Conway said.

With her time of 7:42.44, Clarke broke the mile race walk school record held by Jamie Sweitzer. Conway finished with a time of 8:18.86.

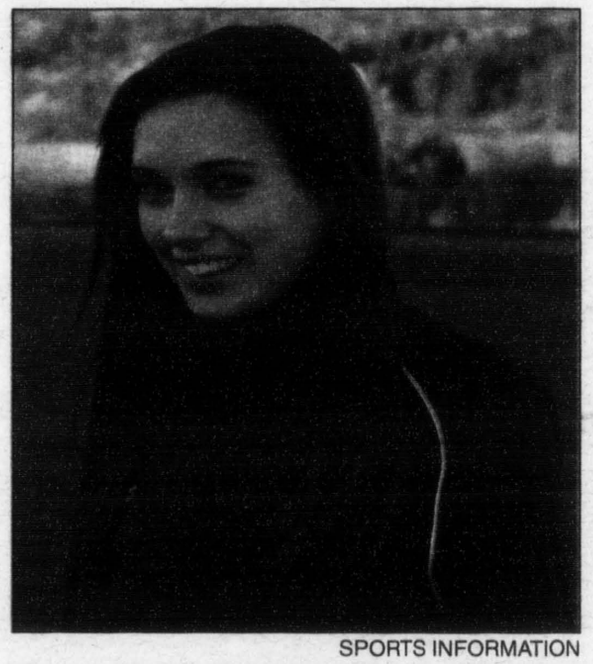
"She's a natural at race walking," Rohl said of Clarke. "She's been doing a good job. She does the same workout as our distance runners - now we're going to increase the mileage and intensity."

Although Rohl said Clarke did not look nervous, she was nervous. "I was kind of nervous when I got there, but I just relaxed and went out there and had fun," Clarke said. "It was a neat experience. There were Olympic qualifiers in the race and it was neat to compete against them."

Clarke was also glad that her teammate Conway was in the race with her. "We warmed up together and we talked before the race about our race plan," Clarke said. "It made the race a lot easier with her company."

The track was a little different than a normal indoor track as it was only 150 meters in distance, instead of the normal 200 meters the track team is used to. "It was a banked track which made it harder to pass," Clarke said. "I wanted to start out fast, which is a little different than I normally would."

Next weekend the track team will travel to New Haven, CT for the CTC meet. The race walkers will be competing in the mile.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Michelle Clarke finished in sixth place in the mile race walk in Madison Square Gardens. The race walkers will compete in New Haven, CT next week.

Coming up in Mountie Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Feb. 7	8 - Indoor Track & Field, New Balance Collegiate Invite, NYC	9 - Men's Basketball vs Millersville University, 3 p.m. - Women's Basketball vs Millersville University, 1 p.m. - Indoor Track & Field, New Balance Collegiate Invite, NYC - Indoor Track & Field, CTC Championships, New Haven, CT	10 - Indoor Track & Field, CTC Championships, New Haven, CT	11	12	13 - Men's Basketball vs Kutztown, 7:30 p.m. - Women's Basketball vs Kutztown University, 5:30 p.m.
14	15	16 - Men's Basketabll @ Cheyney University, 3 p.m. - Women's Basketball @ Cheyney University, 1	17	18	19	20

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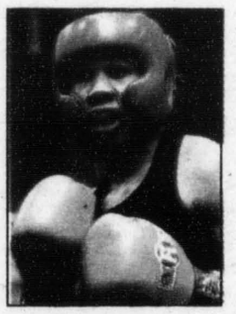
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Today's Weather
Partly Cloudy

High- 30°F
Overnight Low- 23°F

National Survey of Student Engagement being given on campus

By KAY BARRETT
Flashlight Writer

The National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) was administered via email to all Mansfield University freshmen and seniors last week.

The NSSE (pronounced "nessie") surveys are comprehensive surveys administered by the Indiana University Center for Postsecondary Research. They provide four year colleges and universities with an in depth look at what their students are perceiving and gaining from their college experience.

According to Catherine Renner, the assistant vice president for research and planning at Mansfield, the surveys look at more than just the academic side of the university.

"The surveys give us a broad look at how we are doing," Renner said. "The surveys asks students various questions about many different areas of the university. There are questions on the survey about academic affairs as well as residence life."

Renner says that positive college experiences can have a real effect on the success of students in the future and the NSSE surveys can help the university create a better connection with the students.

"The more positive experiences that students have the more attachment students have to the university and I have found that [in comparison to the unattached students] the more attached students' success just skyrockets," Renner said.

Renner understands that students are often bombarded with surveys every semester, but she wants to ensure students that the administration is trying to make sure only the most important surveys reach students.

"We worry about the amount of surveys students get, so as an institution that is why we try and monitor the surveys that you receive, "Renner said. "Many of the surveys are required by the state and others surveys affect how much grant money we receive."

Although the NSSE are voluntary and do not affect grant money amounts, Renner said they have a more significant part at Mansfield University.

"If you don't answer these surveys, we don't know what you need. By surveying the freshmen and seniors, we are getting the viewpoints of those coming in and those going out, so we have everyone covered," Renner said.

It should also be noted that Mansfield University results for the 2006 NSSE are being used for some research projects by the administration, according to Renner.

"I am actually using the data from 2006 in presentations to the president and the Strategic Planning Committee. The Strategic Planning Committee are taking the results from 2006 very seriously," Renner said.

Renner is planning on making the information she has gathered in several reports available to the students, so that they will know what the university has found out through the surveys.

This year's surveys are to be conducted completely online and has incentives for students to participate, which includes free gas cards and an iPod Nano.

Mansfield Senior appointed to State Commission

Sharon Thomas, a senior at Mansfield University, has been appointed student commissioner on The Governor's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs in Pennsylvania. The communication major from Harrisburg is the first student appointed to the Commission in ten years.

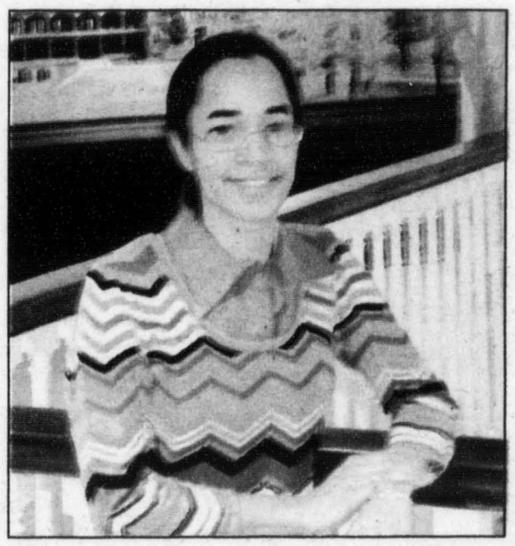


PHOTO BY MIKE LENGEL
Sharon Thomas has been appointed to the State Commission.

"I'm humbled and it still hasn't really hit me," Thomas says of the appointment. "I'm really focused on what I need to do for the Commission and for the community and for the state as a whole, especially the students. Our voice isn't always being heard so I'll ask students what are your concerns?"

As to her role, Thomas says she will, "Add another perspective, a student perspective. Most of the other commissioners own businesses or work in the government so I want to give them a different perspective on things, to let them know what the student population's concerns are."

Thomas was recommended to the Commission by Warren Anderson, director of the Benjamin Wiley Partnership Programs at the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE), where she completed an internship last summer.

"I have never met a student who was more dedicated to making a difference than Sharon," Anderson said. "Her dependability, professionalism and commitment are the other reasons. I witnessed these traits in Sharon from the first day of her internship in my office. But, mostly, I recommended her because I knew that she will represent herself and the entire State System extremely well. The Commission is fortunate to have her as a member."

According to the Commission's website its functions include:
- Advising the Governor on policies, procedures, legislation, and regulations which affect the African American community.
- Assisting local African American community groups in developing strategies and programs which will expand and enhance the social, cultural, and economic status of the African American community.
- Developing, reviewing and recommending to the Governor policies in the areas of health and human services, housing, education, employment, business formation and development, public accommodations, and contracting and procedures.

Weekly Weather



TODAY



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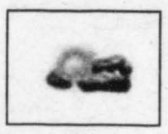
FRIDAY



Snow Shower

High: 35 Low: 13

SATURDAY



Partly Cloudy

High: 19 Low: 15

SUNDAY



Snow Shower

High: 31 Low: 26

MONDAY



Snow Shower

High: 31 Low: 20

TUESDAY



Few Snow Showers

High: 26 Low: 16

WEDNESDAY



Partly Cloudy

High: 27 Low: 14

Information taken from www.weather.com

Info-To-Go

Campus Bulletin Board Mansfield University

- Interested in giving up some of your Spring Break? Join Campus Ministries as we work with Seed of Hope in Tioga County from Wednesday at 5 p.m. to Sunday at 10 a.m. and still have a week of Spring Break to do what you want. For more information contact Deb or Courtney at ext. 4432 or ext. 4431 or email chull@mansfield.edu. There are a maximum of 10 people who can participate, so contact them soon!

- Reminder to all students interested in the Quad College Business Plan Challenge that you may register any time from now until the registration deadline. The last day to submit your registration form and concept paper is Thursday, Feb. 14. Registration Forms can be sent to Rikki Riegner at rikkir@imcpa.com.
More information and a registration form can be found at http://cll.mansfield.edu/Whatsnew.cfm. If you have additional questions, please contact Lindsey Sikorski at x4808 or lsikorsk@mansfield.edu.

-The new spring edition of the Careers for College Graduates booklet has been placed on the Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission website. To access the new edition, log on to the website at www.scsc.state.pa.us. Under the Job Information heading select College Graduates. The booklet is available in both pdf and text formats. This booklet is designed to assist students to discover the types of job opportunities available with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It provides job titles for which a student may qualify based on the degree they will have earned.

Sexual violence is primarily a crime of power and control. Know the facts. According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, 2005:

-Sexual violence is predominately a gendered crime with 95% of dating vioence and 85-95% of child sexual abuse perpetrated by males.

-One in four girls and one in six boys will be sexually assaulted by the age of 18.

-In eight out of 10 rape causes, the victim knew the perpetrator.

-The cost of rape and sexual assult, excluding child sexual assault, per criminal victimization is $87,000 per year. For the victim, the average rape of attempted rape costs $5,100 in tangible, out-of-pocket expensives.

If you or someone you know has been sexually victimized please call 570-724-3549 or 1-800-550-0447 to speak with an advocate

Students learn about global warming awareness

By BREANNE TOBIN
Special to the Flashlight

Lance Simmens presented Mansfield University students with a discussion on global warming last Thursday at the Environmental Fair.

Simmens has been trained by Al Gore on global warming issues.

Global warming is the average increase in the Earth's temperature that causes changes in the climate. This is due to greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, nitrous oxide and methane. The atmosphere thickens from these gases being trapped and they reflect back to the earth.

Simmens discussed how important it is for people to be aware of how the Earth and human lives will be affected. "All politics aside, this is science," Simmens said.

The United States makes up for four percent of the world's population, yet uses 30 percent of the world's resources.

By 2050, Pennsylvania's temperature will be that of southern Georgia. Temperatures become higher when more carbon dioxide is polluted in the air.

Simmens suggested ideas of reducing global warming such as carpooling with friends, using cruise control on the highway or buying compact fluorescent light bulbs. By having tires properly inflated, the average person saves $840 a year on fuel costs.

"The most important message is that this will affect the younger generation," Simmens said. "They will pay the price and consequences. It is on them to do as much as they can if for no other reason than self interest."

Courtney Grunza is a sophomore at Mansfield. "Something I realized from the presentation was that in order for each person to make a significant difference, we have to incorporate all these suggestions into our daily life and not just pick and choose the ones we want," Grunza said.

Simmens warned of potential conflicts caused between countries because of natural resources dwindling. Creating an alternative energy source will avoid this. "We put a man on the moon, so of course we can solve this problem," Simmens said.

Global warming will show effects within the next 50 years, which is why Simmens targets college audiences.

"This period of global problems we are experiencing will directly affect our generation and our children's," Grunza said. "Soon the way we live will be drastically changed and we will have to adapt to these consequences."

Police Beat

November, 1 2007 -
Gustavo Worthington, 20, was charged with removing university property, valued at approximately $2,500, from Elliot Hall. Worthington's charges include one count of criminal mischief, a misdemeanor and three felony counts each of theft by unlawful taking and receiving stolen property.

January 18, 2008 -
Travis Rothrock, 19, was cited for underage drinking and referred to Residents Life for Student Misconduct.

February 4, 2008 -
A non-student reported being confronted by an unknown person, described at 5'7" tall and wearing dark clothing and a black ski-type mask covering the face, on Morris Drive near T lot. The victim's photo identification card was taken. Anyone who may have been in the area of T lot or the Morris Drive and Campus View Drive intersection on Feb. 4 at 2 a.m. is asked to contact Mansfield University Police at 662-4900. The investigation is continuing.

Spotlight on Campus:

Mr. Brian Barden

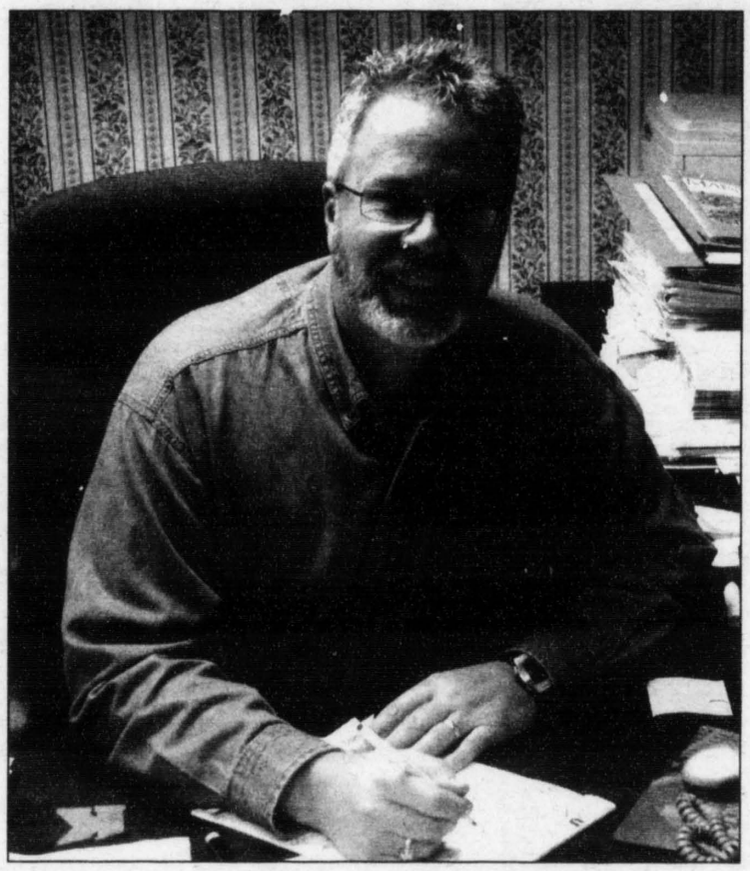


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Brain Barden is the Executive Director of Enrollment Services.

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Brian Barden is the Executive Director of Enrollment Services at Mansfield University.

Barden has a full plate of experiences at Mansfield before becoming Director. He graduated from Mansfield University with a degree in elementary education. He also earned his masters at Mansfield. He was the administrator of New Covenant Academy, the private school in town. He has taught in the local schools from pre-school to sixth grade. "I enjoy working with students no matter what their age is, that is my passion," Barden said.

In Sept. 1989 he accepted a position at Mansfield University as an admissions counselor. He made his way up in ranks as opportunities presented themselves. He became the transfer coordinator for the admissions office, and then was the interim director of admissions for about two years. He was eventually offered the permanent position of director.

As Executive Director of Enrollment, Barden oversees the offices of admissions, registrar's office, student accounts office, financial aid office, financial planning office, summer school and most recently the new student orientation program.

Enrollment services selects students by looking at high school records, what kinds of courses they have taken, how they have challenged themselves, SAT scores and their class rank. The most important thing is that they find individuals that will be happy at Mansfield.

The hardest part of being Director is dealing with the enrollment numbers. Mansfield University has to have a correct number of students attending so they have the appropriate amount of money coming in and paying the bills.

The greatest accomplishment that Barden has gotten out of being director is interacting with the students. "Knowing that there have been individuals that I have changed and changed the course of history for them, whether it is in the classroom or working with the administration makes it all worth it," Barden said. "Some students that I have made a difference for have come back and thanked me."

Barden's favorite activity is being with students. It is his biggest activity. It happens many times in a variety of different ways and keeps him busy. Outside of work, his hobby is gardening and landscaping. "It is a great stress reliever and I love the creativity. I've had great gardens in the past," Barden said.

The best part about working with prospective students is seeing if Mansfield is a good fit for them. When students say 'yes,' he helps them get a way into Mansfield. He enjoys making that connection and providing an opportunity. "Philosophically, I believe that we all have opportunities to change the course of history for someone," Barden said.

Barden says that there are many things that a prospective student looks for in Mansfield, but he believes that the biggest attraction is the Mansfield family. "It is the people that make the deciding factor. We have great staff, faculty and an exceptional group of students. I can't think of a greater place to go to school and I can't think of a greater place to work at," Barden said. "It was a great place for me and provided me with wonderful experiences. Mansfield pushed me to do more and break out of my shell."

Mansfield University is always looking for prospective students. "We are looking for students that are a good fit. Make sure it is a good fit, like buying a new pair of jeans," Barden said.

Barden's advice for returning students is to take charge. "There are going to be a lot of people to help you along the way, but you have to be the master of your ship. Take responsibility, and if you do that and reach out, you will succeed."

SGA sponsers bus trip to away game at Bloomsburg

By BEKA BROWN
Flashlight Copy Editor

Student Government Association (SGA) and student activities fees sponsored a bus trip to the Mansfield basketball games at Bloomsburg University on Feb. 6

Two buses transported 81 students to the game. Assorted Mansfield fanfare was distributed to students including foam fingers, rally towels and "MU Crew" emblazoned T-shirts. Sandwiches and drinks were also provided. Tickets were free to all Mansfield University students who wished to attend.

The trip took about three weeks to organize. SGA and Spirit Committee members Pat Lahr and Chris Bonawitz were responsible for the majority of the event's planning, including coordinating with Bloomsburg's Athletic Director Kevin Wood to arrange for Mansfield students to have their own section in the gymnasium.

SGA president Mike Conaway was pleased with the student response, despite the rain. "I'm very happy with the turn out. The tickets sold out in about two days. We had a waiting list of about 60 people, but with the weather, not a lot of those people wanted to come out," Conaway said.

Lahr hopes to develop more school spirit and pride in the university with events like this bus trip. "We're trying to establish a tradition. I would hope that we can have this trip again next spring. If there is enough interest, hopefully we can take more trips like this to sprint football, field hockey and support all sports," Lahr said. "The Spirit Committee is trying to get students interested in athletics and the student athletes who represent them in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference and throughout the northeast."



PHOTO BY KARA NEWCOMER

Members of the MU Crew at Bloomsburg.

Senior basketball player Kevin Hill was grateful for the crowd support on the road. "The MU Crew played a huge role in our win against Bloomsburg," Hill said. "When we were down, they kept picking us up."

Courtney Grunza is a sophomore special education major who attended the game. "I have attended a lot of previous games and they are always really enjoyable, so a bus trip to support them sounded fun along with it being free and having food on the bus," Grunza said. "After the team won there was just so much excitement and seeing that the team really appreciated our support was great too."

On the drive home, prizes were awarded to students for correctly answering trivia questions about the game. Prizes included Wal-Mart gift cards, flex dollar gift cards and bookstore gift cards.

Conaway is optimistic about future bus trips. "If the opportunity arises, we'll definitely do it again," Conaway said.

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Feb. 14 - 6 p.m. - 12 a.m. - XBOX Extreme - 307 AHSC	15 - 8 p.m. - Dr. Phillip Rammon, faculty cello recital	16	17 ~ 3 p.m. - Orchestra Concert	18 - 4 - 5 p.m. - Career Series Workshop: Resume Writing, 314 AHSC - 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Steadman Theatre visitation day	19	20 - 4 - 5:30 p.m. - University Lecture Series Event - Academic Integrity: Why it's essential and how we can promote it.
21 - 8 p.m. - 1776 - Straughn Theatre	22 - 8 p.m. - 1776 - Straughn Theatre	23 - 8 p.m. - 1776 - Straughn Theatre	24 - 8 p.m. - 1776 - Straughn Theatre	25	26 - 4 - 5:30 p.m. - University Lecture Series Event - the Road to Radisson: Nationalism, Sovereignty and Political Ecology in Northern Quebec - 8 - 10 p.m. - MAC Movie Night, "American Gangster," 307 AHSC	27 - 4 - 5:30 p.m. - University Lecture Series Event - Ethical Considerations of Media Censorship - 7 p.m. - The Listening Project Film, Allen Hall Auditorium

What in the World? News in a flash by Laura and Becca

Prisoners to be put on trial for Sept 11 attacks

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

The Pentagon has charged six prisoners at Guantanamo Bay with murder and crime in connection with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Officials will be seeking the death penalty for these prisoners in the first trials under the terrorism-era military tribunal system.

"These charges allege a long term, highly sophisticated, organized plan by al-Qaida to attack the United States of America." Brig. Gen. Thomas W. Hartmann, the legal adviser to the tribunal system said.

The six men being charged are: Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the suspected mastermind of the attacks in which hijacked planes were flown into buildings and one crashing, Mohammed al-Qahtani, the man officials have labeled the 20th hijacker; Ramzi Binalshibh, the main intermediary between the hijackers and leaders of al-Qaida; Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali, a nephew of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who has been identified as Mohammed's lieutenant for the 2001 operation; Mustafa Ahmad al-Hawsawi, al-Baluchi's assistant; and Waleed bin Attash, who investigators say selected and trained some of the hijackers.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said that President Bush had no role in the decision to seek the death penalty.

"Obviously 9-11 was a defining moment in our history," Perino said, "and a defining moment in the global war on terror. This judicial process is the next step in that story. The president is sure that the military is going to follow through in a way that the Congress said they should."

Officials plan to hold the trials in Guantanamo Bay, so that lawyers, journalists and others can be present, but the relatives of Sept. 11 victims and others will have to watch the trial through broadcasts.

Trials will not be held for months. With the appeals process, it would likely be some time after any convictions before executions would be possible.



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The six prisoners being put on trial for Sept. 11 attacks.



William and Mary President resigns

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

President Gene Nichol of William and Mary College has resigned his post on Tuesday, due to him having a controversial tenure.

The William and Mary (W&M) community was notified immediately via a campus wide e-mail. This occurred after he was advised that his contract would not be renewed in July.

Nichol had been criticized frequently by students, alumni, and members of the General Assembly during his three year reign as president.

In Oct. of 2006, Nichol's sparked protests when he removed the cross from being on permanent display in the school's Wren Chapel to make non-Christian students and visitors feel more welcome.

After this incident lawmakers sought to remove Nichol from office. Alumni, students and others signed petitions to get the cross back, and one donor even took back a pledge of $12 million.

The cross was returned back to the chapel, but is now kept in a case off to the side. It can be placed on the alter by request.

Just last week, the "Sex Workers' Art Show" performed on the W&M campus. The show featured monologues and performances by porn actors, strippers, and other sex workers. The show was sold out.

In the campus wide e-mail announcing his resign, Nichol's said that the board of Visitors offered him and his wife "substantial economic incentives" in return for him not saying anything about his resignation without board approval.

"His energy and passion is legendary," the board wrote. "He is a truly inspirational figure who had enjoyed the affection of many."

The board also believed that the college was not up to full potential, and that it could not be helped unless there was a change of leadership.

Students protested in reaction to Nichol's e-mail. Two Facebook groups were made for the incident and 1,500 members had joined by the end of the day. Classes were cancelled, and a rally was held. The Student Assembly supported a candlelight vigil in front of Nichol's house.

Nichol plans to return to the faculty at the school of law and resume teaching and writing. W&M will begin searching for a new president immediately. Law School Dean W. Taylor Reveley will take the temporary post.



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Gene NIchol, president of William and Mary reisnged on Tuesday due to causing controversy among students, faculty, and others

Professional Clothes Closet available for students needs

By ASHLEE FREDERICK
Flashlight Writer

The Career Development Center is taking new steps to increase student awareness of their service: the Professional Clothes Closet.

The Professional Clothes Closet was created by Julia Overton-Healy when she came to work as the Director of the Career Development Center at Mansfield University in 2004.

The Clothes Closet is made up of clothing that is donated to the college by local businesses and individuals. Undergraduate and graduate students, as well as alumni, are allowed to take and keep one suit from the closet.

Some instructors in the Communication Department and other departments at Mansfield University have told their students about the Professional Clothing Closet.

Mansfield University senior Stacy Wolfe is working as an intern with the Career Development Center on campus. One of her duties working there is to promote and gather support for the Professional Clothes Closet. "It is a great opportunity we have at Mansfield students. I like the idea that students who do not have the money to purchase suits, or are in a bind, are able to come to the Closet for clothes," Wolfe said.

Another way that the Career Development Center will convey the message to students is through a fashion show entitled What to Wear (Or Not) that is part of the Career Blast Mini-Conference which will take place on April 23.

Matt Zimmerman is a junior Criminal Justice major at Mansfield University. He had never heard about the Professional Clothes Closet. "I definitely think it's a good idea. It needs to be more publicized, but now that I know I'll check it out for next year, or even this year if I need it," Zimmerman said.

Mansfield University Liberal Studies senior Melissa Caccliaglia heard about the Professional Clothes Closet through an instructor. "It's good because professional clothing is very expensive, especially for a college student," Cacciaglia said. "It can be a couple hundred bucks for a suit coat."

Anyone who is interested in finding a suit for an interview, formal meeting, a class or graduation is welcome to go to the Career Center located in 3N Hemlock Manor to see if he or she can find a suit that fits.

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Check your bank account balance or go over the budget one more time -- you've got a good mind for financial business today and ought to make good use of it. See if you can save a few bucks somewhere.

TAURUS
APRIL 20 - MAY 20

You're filled with fantastic energy and might be a little more intense than usual -- though not in a spooky or obsessive way! You're as attractive as can be, so romance is a strong possibility.

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 21

You've got to overcome a few obstacles if you want to get where you're going, but none of them is insurmountable. Gird yourself for a more difficult day than you had anticipated, but the rewards are big, too!

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22

Get together with friends or just spend a little extra time with folks at work -- your social energy needs a workout! You find it easier than ever to make a difference with the people in your life.

LEO
JULY 21 - AUGUST 22

You're thinking hard about your job or home life -- and what you want to change. There's still room for improvement and you're just serious enough to make some amazing progress today!

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

You and a friend or loved one discover that you have even more in common than you had once thought. It's a good time to work together on some joint project or find new ways to spend time together.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Your sense of aesthetics is highly developed and on days like today it seems to take over! Your first concern is with making everything and everyone work together harmoniously -- the rest will sort itself out.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

You and your mate or business partner need to work out some long-standing issues that just won't go away. The good news is that you're both in the right emotional space to get it done.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

If there's something delicate you need to say to a friend or coworker, now is the best possible time to broach the subject. You've got tact and common sense on your side and it should go well.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Your positive, creative energy is just about perfect for keeping your people happy today. You should be able to manage just about any kind of workload with time left over for good-natured relaxing.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Family is more important than ever today -- especially your ancestors. You may want to dig up some genealogical research or just go through old photos if you can't just call up a parent or grandparent.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

You need to speak up today and make sure that the right people are listening. Your ability to communicate your needs and desires is strong, but if they're not paying attention, it's all for naught.

The Book Nook: 1984

By CARRIE GOODYEAR
Features Editor

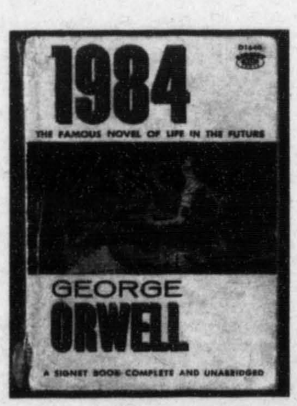
1984 was penned in 1949 by George Orwell.

The story follows the main character, Winston Smith who is a member of the ruling Party in London.

London is now in the nation of Oceania. Everywhere Winston goes the Party watches him, even in his own home.

Everywhere Winston goes he sees the face of Big Brother, who is the omniscient leader of the Party. The Party is currently trying to implement a new language called newspeak which eliminates the use of government words to prevent rebellion.

The Party also prohibits free thought, sex and any individual expression. In the beginning of the novel, Winston purchases a diary to write down his negative thoughts about the Party. He also notices a Party member, O'brien, whom Winston believes to be a member of the brotherhood. The brotherhood is an underground group trying to overthrow the Party.



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George Orwell's 1984 is a classic novel.

Winston works for the Ministry of Truth, which ironically, alters historical documents to fit the Party's needs. He notices a co-worker looking at him and worries that she will turn him in for a thought crime.

Soon after, Winston receives a note from his co-worker, Julia. Julia claims to love him and the two begin and affair. However, since sex is not allowed, they must sneak around. Winston knows that they are doomed from the start, however Julia is much more optimistic.

To find out if Winston and Julia end up together or if the Party succeeds, check out George Orwell's *1984*.

This day in history

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On this day in history, gunmen in the suspected employment of organized-crime boss Al Capone murdered seven members of the George "Bugs" Moran North Siders' gang in a garage on North Clark Street. The so-called St. Valentine's Day Massacre stirred a media storm centered on Capone and his illegal Prohibition-era activities and motivated federal authorities to redouble their efforts to find evidence incriminating enough to take him off the streets.

Alphonse Capone was born in Brooklyn in 1899, the son of Italian immigrants from Naples. The fourth of nine children, he quit school after the sixth grade and joined a street gang. He became acquainted with Johnny Torrio, a crime boss who operated in Chicago and New York, and at the age of 18 Capone was employed at a Coney Island club owned by gangster Frankie Yale. It was while working there that his face was slashed in a brawl, earning him the nickname "Scarface."

Baby shampoos are causing reproductive problems

By JAMIE CURTIS
Flashlight Writer

A new study suggests that baby shampoos, lotions and powders may expose infants to chemicals that have been connected to reproductive problems.

The chemicals, called phthalates (pronounced thowl-ates) can be found in a wide range of consumer products such as cosmetics, toys, vinyl flooring and medical supplies. Phthalates are used to stabilize fragrances and make plastics flexible.

According to www.reuters.com and www.msnbc.com the new study which appears in February's issue of the Journal Pediatrics, involved 163 babies. Most were white, ages two to 28 months and living in Calif, Minn and MO. Researchers measured levels of several phthalates in urine from diapers. They also asked the mothers about use in the previous 24 hours of baby products including lotions, powders, diaper creams and baby wipes. All urine samples had detectable levels of at least one phthalate, and most had levels of several more. The highest levels were linked with shampoos, lotions and powders, and the results were most prevalent in babies younger than eight months.

The study's lead author, Dr. Sheela Sathyanarayana, a University of Washington pediatrician, states that, "The bottom line is that these chemicals likely do exist in products that we're using on our children and they potentially could cause health effects. Babies don't usually need special lotions and powders. Water alone or shampoo in very small amounts is generally enough to clean infant hair," Sathyanarayana said. "Currently we do not know what the potential long-term health effects of these chemicals might be, but there is a large body of animal studies to suggest developmental and reproductive toxicity (from phthalates) and a few human studies with changes in health outcomes as well."

Animal studies have suggested that phthalates can cause reproductive birth defects. Some activists believe they may cause reproductive problems in boys and early puberty in girls.

There has been debate between environmental groups/activists, doctors, scientists and other experts regarding the possible dangers (if any) of phthalates and exposure to infants. John Bailey, chief scientist at the Personal Care Products Council, questioned the methods and said the phthalates could have come from diapers, lab materials or other sources. "Unfortunately, the researchers of this study did not test baby care products for the presence of phthalates or control for other possible routes of exposure," Bailey said.

Concerned parents can look for products that say they are phthalate free, but most of the time consumers may not be able to make informed decisions about a purchase, because there are no government regulations where phthalates need to be listed with the product. Two of the most common phthalates in retail products are DEP and DEHP.

According to Stephanie Kwisnek, a spokeswoman for the Food and Drug Administration, "There is no compelling evidence that phthalates pose a safety risk when used in cosmetics and other related products," Kwisnek said. "Should new data emerge, we will inform the public as well as the industry."

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HPV is causing cancer in men

By NANCY EDWARDS
Flashlight Writer

HPV is the fastest growing sexually transmitted virus in the nation. At first women were the only ones who seemed plagued by this silent virus, but recent studies show that men can be affected by it also.

HPV is now causing as many cases of oral cancer as tobacco and alcohol in men. According to the February issue of the Journal of Clinical Oncology, HPV appears to be a major cause of oral cancer in men. HPV can also cause genital warts, penile and anal cancer. The study found that HPV-related oral cancers include the tonsils, lower tongue and upper throat. These types of cancer have increased in men over the past 30 years while other types of oral cancers have declined significantly.

"Oral cancer kills about half the people who get it in the first five years," Richard Price said, a spokesman for the American Dental Association, "Not because it's so virulent but because it's often not detected."

In 2006, Gardasil was licensed by the Food and Drug Administration as the first vaccine developed for HPV for women. The vaccine protects against four strands of HPV that most commonly cause genital warts and cervical cancer. Some doctors are recommending this vaccine for girls as young as nine years old. The usage of Gardasil has caused some controversy since it has been mentioned that the vaccine should become a requirement for young women. Some believe Gardasil encourages sexual promiscuity.

Merck & Co. Inc., the manufacturer of Gardasil, is planning on furthering experiments dealing with men and HPV vaccinations. Gardasil is aimed toward girls and young women, but Merck plans on asking the government for permission to offer this vaccine to boys and young men.

Dr. Maura Gillison of Johns Hopkins University believes that awareness about HPV related cancers need to be raised. "We need to start having a discussion about those cancers other than cervical cancer that may be affected in a positive way by the vaccine," Dr. Gillison said.

Entertainment Corner

Top Digital Singles: Courtesy of billboard.com

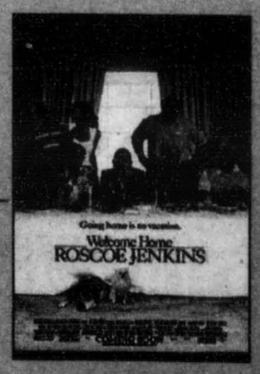
1.) **Flo Rida Featuring T-Pain** - Low
2.) **Yael Naim** - New Soul
3.) **Rhianna** - Don't Stop the Music
4.) **Sara Bareilles** - Love Song
5.) **Chris Brown** - With You





Top Movies: Courtesy of imdb.com

1.) **Fool's Gold** - PG-13 Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson
2.) **Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins**- PG-13, Martin Lawrence
3.)**Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus Best of Both Worlds Concert Tour** - G, Miley Cyrus
4.) **The Eye**- PG-13 Jessica Alba
5.) **Juno**- PG-13 Ellen Page





Hate Valentine's Day? You are not alone

By REBEKA BROWN
Flashlight Writer

Flowers die, chocolates melt, but the annoyance of Valentine's Day unfortunately lasts forever.

February 14 each year is recognized internationally as a holiday of love and romance. The young and the old observe this day of obligatory gift giving and adoration. It's yet another example of a religious holiday turned into a commercialized false celebration of love in support of consumerism.

For couples it is a time to express affection for significant others, spend unnecessary money on frivolous gifts and provide Hallmark with their second biggest sales day of the year. Last year, over 190 million valentines were sent in the U.S.

For singles, the day can be spent either dreaming of Prince Charming or being struck by cupid's arrow. What says "I love you" more than naked flying babies shooting blunt objects at you? I can't think of anything. Alternatively, the day can be spent wallowing in loneliness or trying to ignore altogether the forced sentimentalism all around them.

According to the National Retailer Federation, this year, America is projected to spend over $17 billion on this holiday. That's an average of over $100 per person of chocolates, jewelry, flowers, dinners and other materialistic shows of love.



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Valentine's Day can seem like torture to some.

Why do we need a calendar worthy holiday to remind us to express our love? If the feelings are real, then they should be proclaimed on more than an annual basis.

The point being, Valentine's Day is a joke. It's a waste of time, money and aggravation. As for this journalist, I'm not a total cynic. I completely support giving your heart away, I'm an organ donor.

Super Tuesday: Was it super?

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

Was Super Tuesday in fact "super?" Well, that all depends on who you're asking. Twenty-four states held their primaries on Feb. 5, the largest number participating in Super Tuesday since its inception in 1984. For the Republicans something "super" did indeed occur, it became clear who will most likely receive the presidential nomination. For the Democrats however, Super Tuesday didn't reveal anything "super." It just reinforced what many Democrats already knew, it's going to be a close race between Senator Hillary Clinton and Senator Barrack Obama.

Senator John McCain was the clear winner for the Republicans. He won nine states overall, ranging from small victories with the state of Delaware which has 18 delegates to major states including California which promises 170 delegates for the Republicans. Although McCain is clearly the leader he fairs better among moderate to liberal republicans and needs to find a way to appeal to the conservatives as well and unite the Republican Party.

Senator Mitt Romney had high hopes for Super Tuesday, having invested several million dollars of his own money to stay in the presidential race. However, after a disappointing showing he suspended his bid for a presidential nomination on Thursday, Feb. 7. He stated that if he continued to seek a bid it would "forestall the launch of a national campaign and be making it easier for Senator Clinton or Obama to win."

Gov. Mike Huckabee faired much better than expected, winning several states in the South. Huckabee has a tough race ahead of him; according to CNN he only has 217 delegates compared to McCain's 723. However he has vowed to tough it out and stay in the race, attempting to appeal to Romney supporters by calling himself a true "authentic" conservative.

In the days following Super Tuesday Huckabee did well, taking Kansas and Louisiana. However, many Republicans are concerned about Huckabee staying in the race, saying that it will distract from McCain's national campaign. Since it is almost inevitable that McCain will win the nomination many Republicans want Huckabee to drop out.

While things are figured out for the most part for the Republicans, the Democrats may be more confused than ever. Super Tuesday showed no real leader. Although Obama won more states than Hillary, taking 13 compared to her nine. Hillary won larger states including California, Massachusetts, New Jersey and of course her home state New York. Totaling 802 delegates from those states alone; Obama took the large states of Illinois and Georgia giving him 240 delegates from those two states.

Although Super Tuesday did not show a clear winner the following weekend did. Obama won primaries in Washington, Nebraska, Louisiana and Maine. Those wins have given him an edge over Hillary but only a slim edge. The race is still close and the upcoming primaries are becoming increasingly important to both candidates. Obama currently has 958 delegates to Hillary's 904, but a win or lose either way could quickly change the leader.

On Tuesday, February 12 Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia held their primaries with Obama expected to show well in all three. On Tuesday, Feb. 19 Wisconsin and Obama's home state of Hawaii hold their primaries, he is expected to do well in both. Hillary's advisors are now stating that Ohio and Texas are must win states in the primary coming up on March 4.

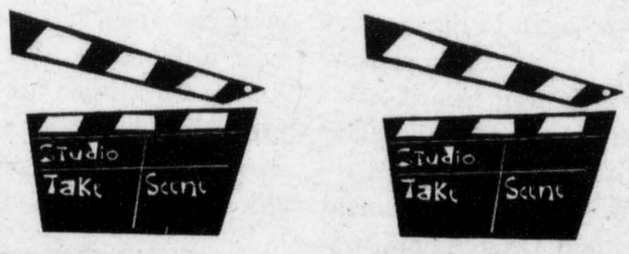
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PHASE 1(Contracting): All residence hall students log in to **http://reslife.mnsfld.edu/housingselect.htm** starting 8:00am February 11th through February 17th midnight to sign the housing agreement or to request an exemption.

If you are requesting an **off campus exemption**, complete your request at **http://reslife.mnsfld.edu/housingselect.htm starting at 8:00am, February 11th–17th midnight. Note: This request must be followed with appropriate documentation supporting your rationale/request in writing to Residence Life. Failure to request exemption at this time will result in a room assignment/ agreement being completed without participation. This assignment is binding.**

You must complete PHASE 1 in order to proceed to PHASE 2. If you miss your scheduled time to select a room in PHASE 2 you must report to residence life to be assigned a room.

PHASE 2 (Selection):
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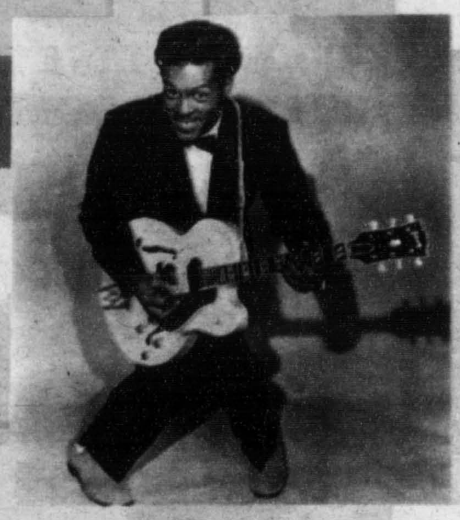
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Louie Armstrong was a jazz trumpeter and singer. He appeared in over 50 films.



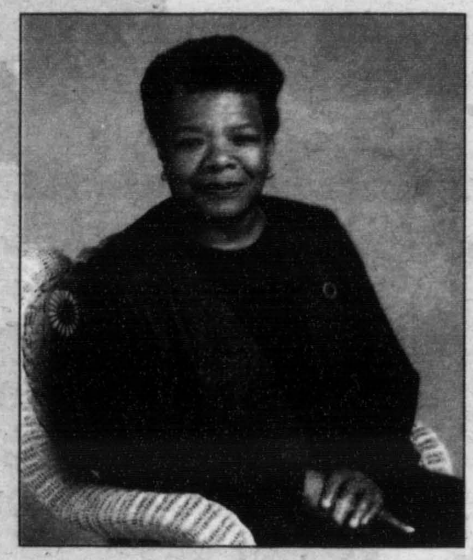
Chuck Berry was singer/guitarist. He was the biggest influence on pre-Beatles rock.



Ray Charles was a singer, pianist, and composer. He lost his sight at the age of six due to glaucoma



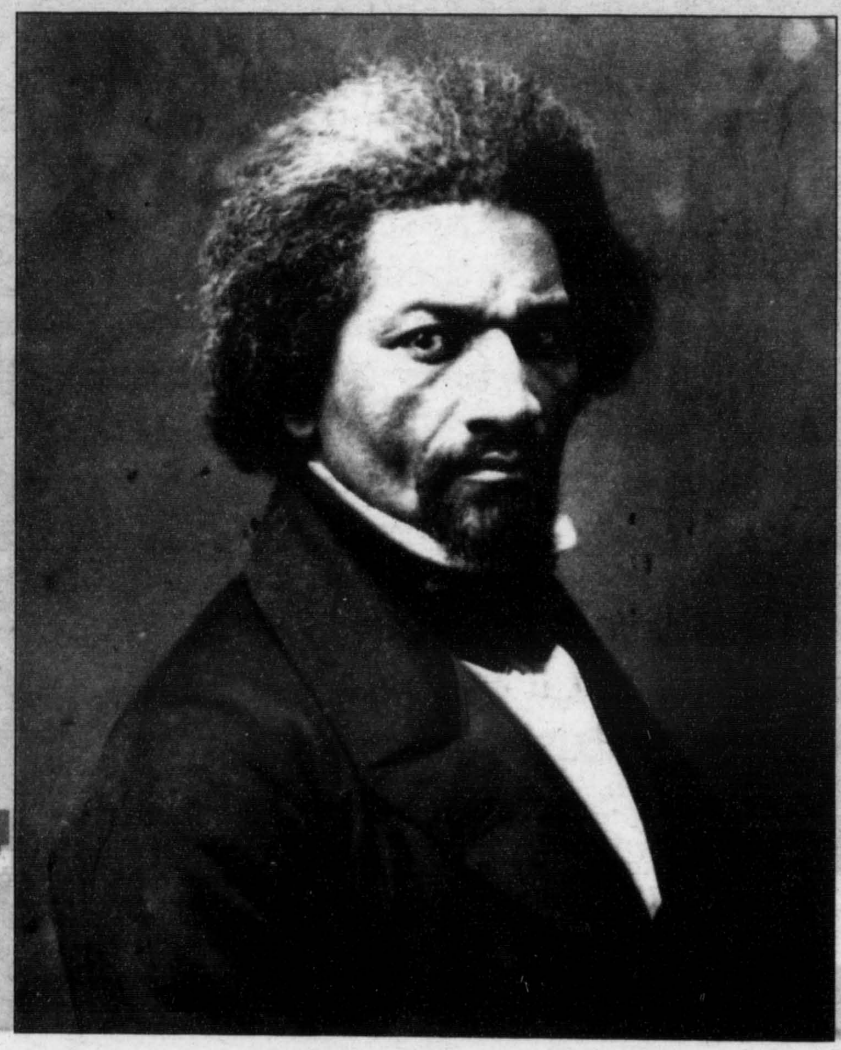
James Brown was one of the most significant figures in black pop music.



Maya Angelou is a famous writer, dancer and activist. She toured Europe as a dancer. She also joined the Harlem Writers Guild.

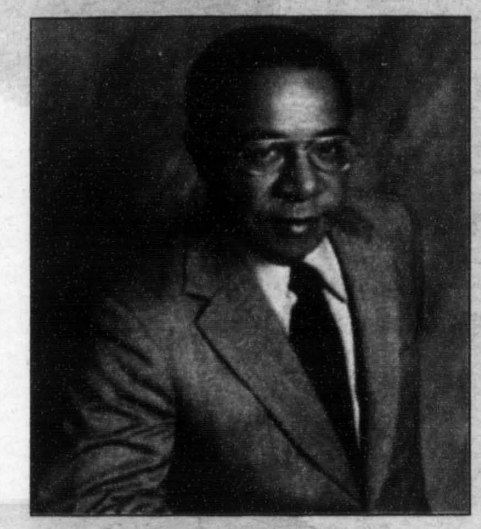


Long before Aretha Franklin, the Jazz scene had Ella Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald began her solo career in the mid 1950s.



Frederick Douglass was a writer, abolitionist, and public official. Douglass also supported the Women's Rights movement.

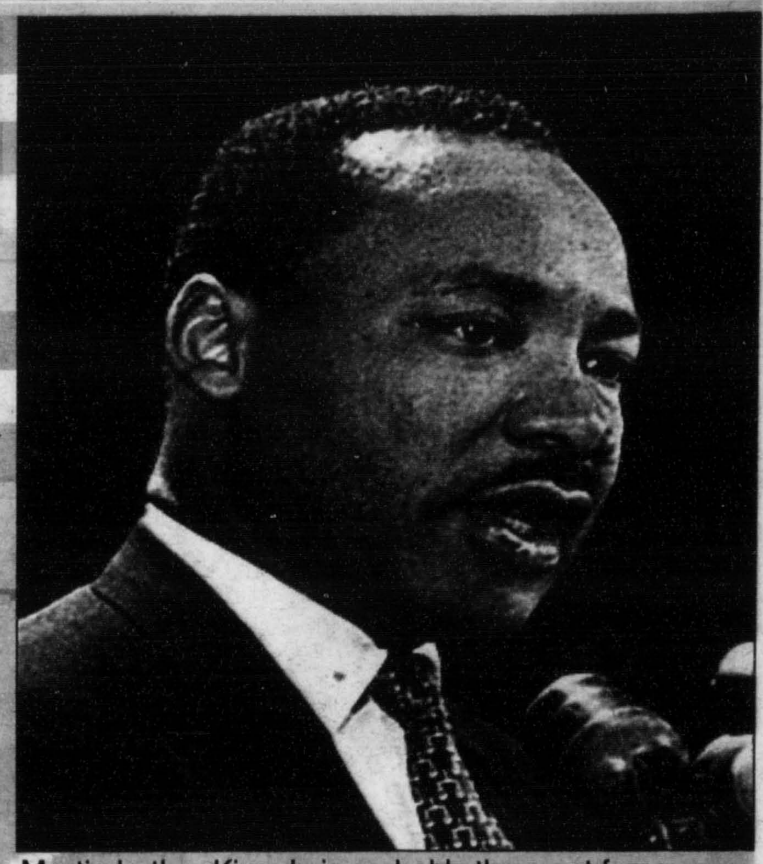
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Alex Haley was most known for his novel 'Roots.' The novel followed Kunte Kinte, a slave from Gambia.



Booker T. Washington was a writer and educator.



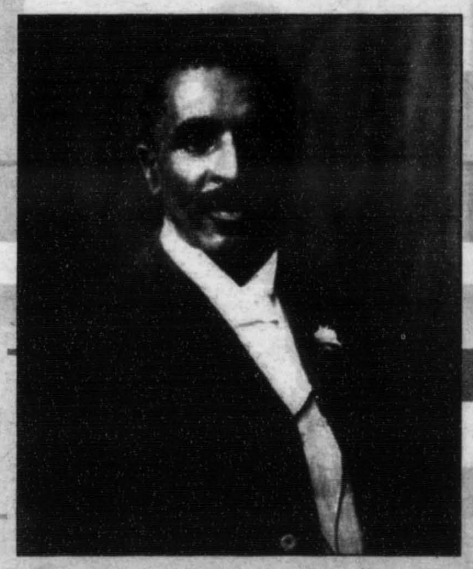
Martin Luther King Jr. is probably the most famous civil rights activist. He is most known for his 'I have a Dream' Speech.



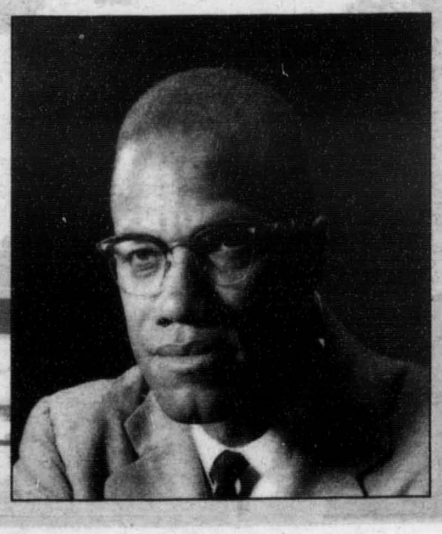
Rosa Parks was an African American rights activist. She is most noted for not giving up her seat on the bus to a white passenger. She was arrested for breaking the law.



Madame C. J. Walker was one of the first female African American entrepreneurs. She created hair care products for African American women.



George Washington Carver was born in 1864. He was an agricultural chemist and botanist. Carver was also known for developing a hybrid cotton.



Malcolm X was an African American activist. He was murdered by racists in Lansing, Michigan.

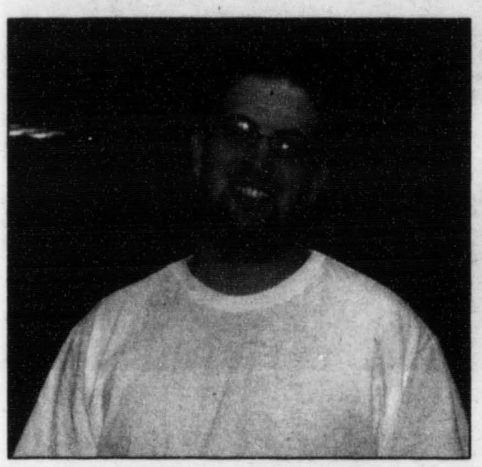
Sojourner Truth was a women's rights activist and abolitionist. She was born Isabella Van Wagener.



Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

Who will win the battle to represent the Republicans and Democrats



I'll be the first one to admit that I don't know a darn thing about politics. When I read a newspaper I always look at the sports section first.

There are other things in life than sports and some that are interesting and some that are not.

One of the bigger topics in the news today is who is trying to win the Republican and Democratic bids for president.

The newest polls have John McCain winning the Republican primary in Virginia while Barack Obama won the democratic primary in Virginia.

Obama is also being recognized as winning the delegates in Maryland and the District of Columbia. By winning these states, Obama holds a small 1,195 to 1,178 delegate lead over Clinton. To clinch the nomination the winner need 2,025 votes.

So what do all this mean? Right now, not a darn thing. It seems like the only thing that is certain right now is that either Obama or Clinton will be the democratic winner.

The Republican side of things looks much clearer as McCain leads Mike Huckabee 812 to 217.

The way it seems to me is that when the Republican and Democratic nominations are decided, the only thing left to do is get out to the voting booths and vote for president.

I have never voted before but I figure there's no time like now. So whether your Democratic, Republic or don't know the difference, make your voice heard and vote.

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Who will win the Republican or Democratic nomination or do you just not care

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How well do you know "Love Actually"

1. Which actor plays the Prime Minister of England?
   a. Colin Firth
   b. Hugh Grant
   c. Alan Rickman
   d. Liam Neeson

2. Who stands in the way of Alan Rickman while he's trying to buy a necklace?
   a. Emma Thompson
   b. Liam Neeson
   c. Rowan Atkinson
   d. Keira Knightley

3. What actress plays the Prime Minister's sister?
   a. Julia Roberts
   b. Keira Knightley
   c. Emma Thompson
   d. Laura Linney

4. Who did Colin Firth fall in love with?
   a. Aurelie
   b. Aurelia
   c. Gabriella
   d. Julia

5. The movie is set around what holiday?
   a. Halloween
   b. Thanksgiving
   c. Christmas
   d. Easter

6. Billy Mack ends up number one on the charts with his re-make of "Love is all Around." Whose house does he go party at to celebrate?
   a. Elton John
   b. Geri Haliwell
   c. George Michael
   d. Madonna

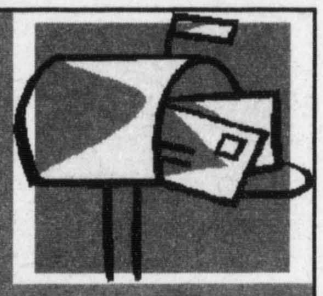
7. What well known actress makes a cameo at the end of the film?
   a. Sandra Bullock
   b. Denise Richards
   c. Drew Barrymore
   d. Heather Locklear

8. Which popular British television series did director Richard Curtis co-write?
   a. Absolutely Famous
   b. Blackadder
   c. Men Behaving Badly
   d. The Office

9. How many time is the word "Actually" said in the movie?
   a. 25
   b. 22
   c. 30
   d. 82



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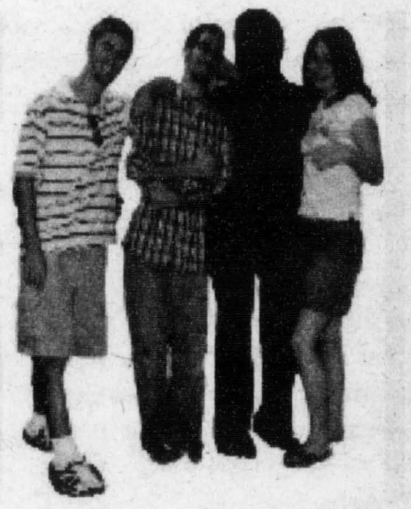
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Talk to Tarreto



Tarreto-
I met a smoking HOT girl 4 days ago at the bar, we danced a little and talk, she gave me her digits and called me later and we went out the next day, we dance, drank and kissed, went back to her place and cuddled in her couch, she fell asleep and I left late. How fast should I move? Is she my girlfriend now or what? She takes forever to reply my texts, is that a game she is playing? I'm a little above average but she is top top, is she toying me? Should I ask her out for Valentines Day?

-Pumped but confused

Dear Pumped but confused,

I would not go assuming you two are dating without having a specific conversation about it. This is a common mistake people make. It's corny but it's true, communication is the key in relationships. I couldn't tell you if she's playing a game. I will say though that if she didn't like you at all she probably would never return your texts. It is possible she's just busy or in class or maybe she doesn't want you to think she's too clingy and moving too fast. Most girls would love a date on Valentine's Day, there's certainly no harm in asking. It would also show your romantic side. She seems to be taking it kind of slow right now, so matching her pace and getting to know each other more couldn't hurt even if you only end up being friends. Happy dating!

Dear Tarreto,

Last week I went out with the girls clubbing. I caught my best friend's long time boyfriend completely making out with another girl. He saw me, I saw him, it was terrible. My best friend wasn't with us and no one else knows. My other friends did not see and I have not said a thing. I have just kept my mouth shut. I don't know what to do. I feel like I should tell her, she is my best friend. But I don't want to be the one who hurts her. That, and the fact that it is so close to Valentine's Day.

Sincerely,
Caught In The Middle

Dear Caught,

Let me first just say, damn, this is a sucky situation. But you seem to realize you can't just dwell in your own self-pity, you need to make a decision. Telling your friend would hurt her a lot. But, it wouldn't be you who causing the pain necessarily. Here's the thing, there are two types of cheaters in the world: the kind that mess up really bad, cheat once, feel really guilty about it, learn their lesson and go on for the rest of their relationship secretly making it up to their partner, and then there's the kind that mess up, cheat, and then cheat again and again. If you can determine which kind of cheater her boyfriend is this might help you determine what to do next. No one else can make this tough decision but you so I'm sorry if you were looking for me to flat out give you a plan of action. Think about what you would want if you were your friend, consider the consequences if she doesn't believe you, maybe even talk to her boyfriend about it. Any explanation would be a bad one but it might change things. If you do decide to tell her try to lead up to it in a private place and be prepared to stick to your story under pressure. Good luck with this one!

Dear Tarreto,

Do you think I should stay in relationship with a girl who is two years older than me? I am 19 and she is 21. She says she loves me now but she also says that she is not deeply in love with me. She also says that I shouldn't count on her even being with me tomorrow. She says that the age matters in between us but for now she is content to be with me. However, she stays with me secretly. No one knows about our relationship and that is the way she prefers to keep it. Is being in this relationship unfair to me?

Sincerely,
Secret Lover

Dear Secret Lover,

Well, it all depends on what your wants and needs are for this relationship. It seems as though she sees this as more of a fling than a serious relationship. If you're OK with not being "Facebook-official" and no guarantee of being together in even the near future then it would seem the two of you have found exactly what you're looking for right now. If however you want a more visible, secure relationship then it's time to talk. She might not know the things you need. Think of what you need to make a relationship worth the time and effort you're putting into it and tell her what they are. (Make sure you ask her what hers are too). It seems like you two just need to get on the same page, and if you can't, well it might be time for you both to move on. Either way, keep up that communication!

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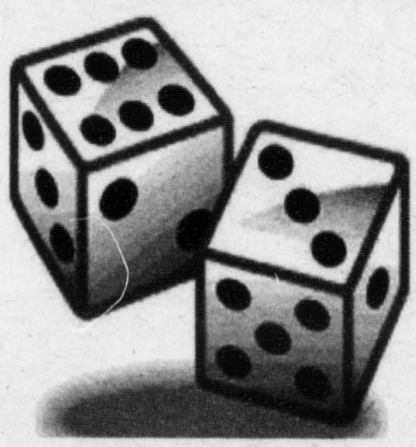
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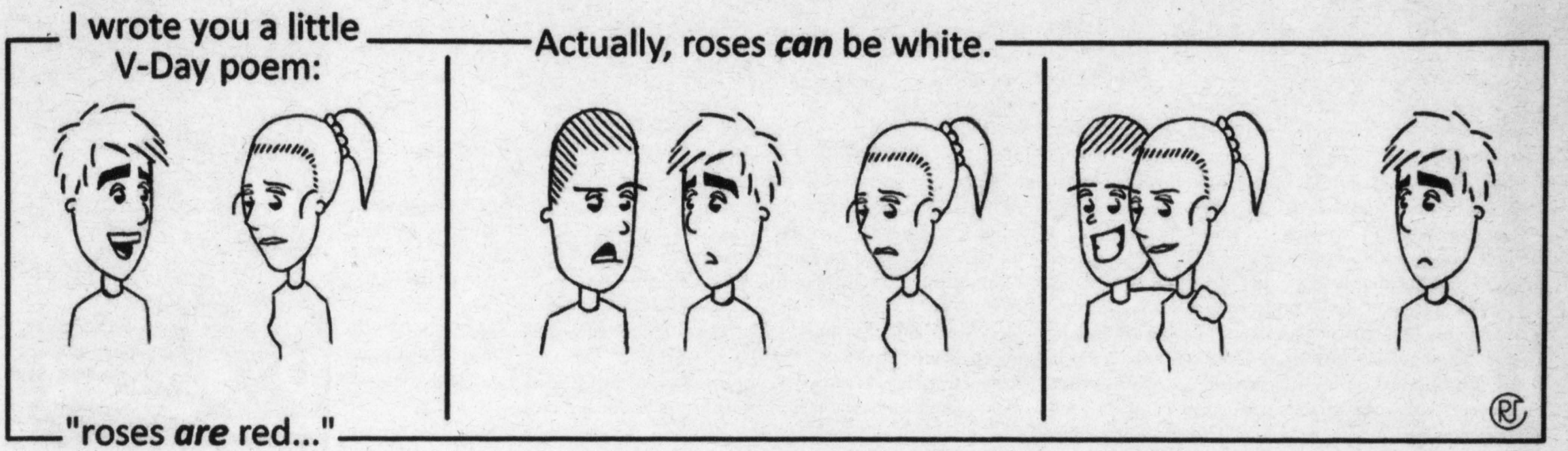


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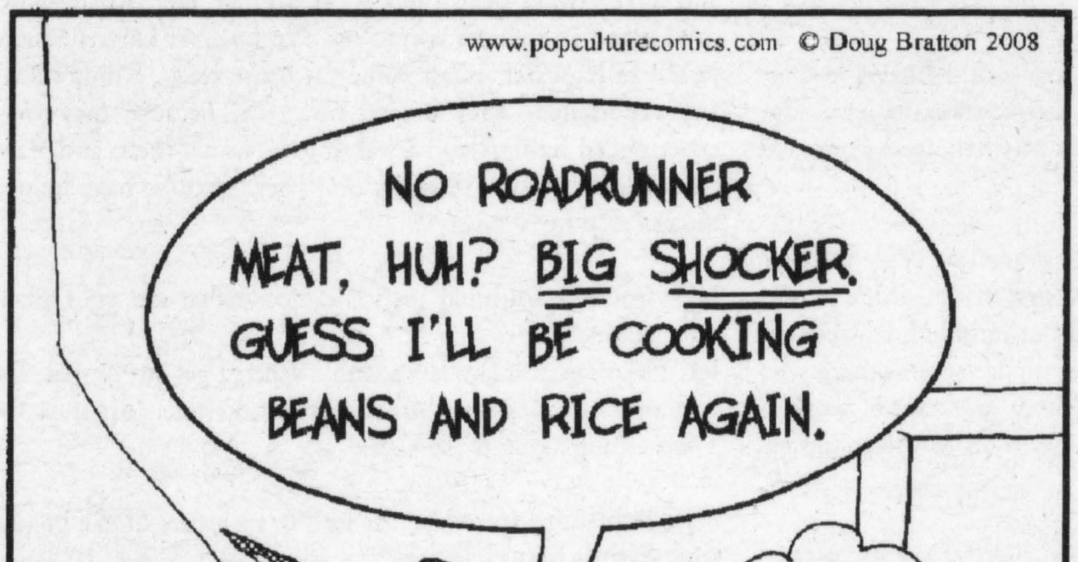
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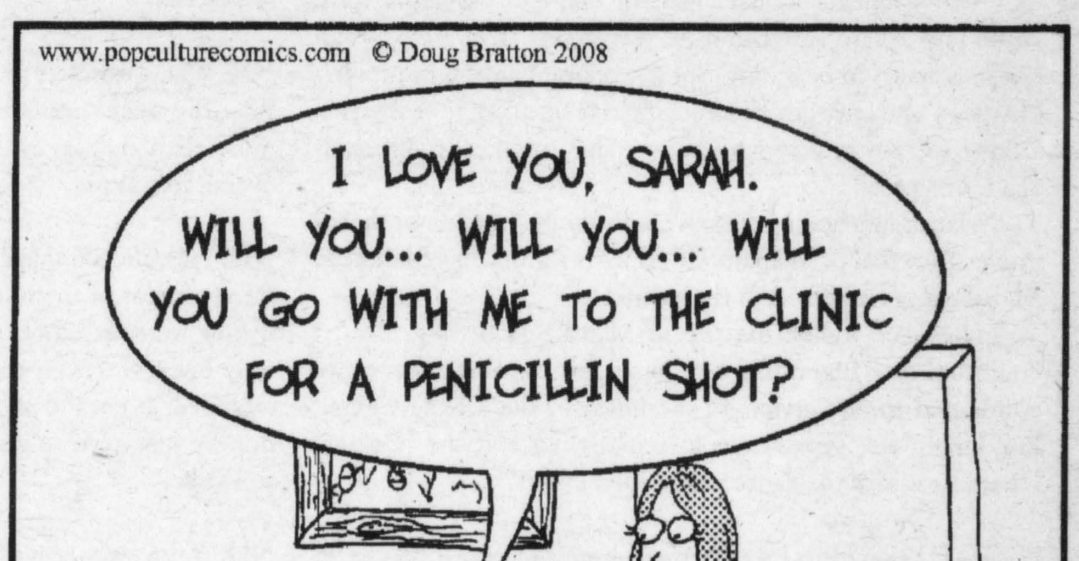
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Love in the Time of Chlamydia

On the Sidelines with Roi Ligon: Fighting his way to nationals

By NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

As Muhammad Ali once said, "The fight is won or lost far away from witnesses - behind the lines, in the gym, and out there on the road, long before I dance under those lights."

Roi Ligon, senior boxer for the Mansfield boxing team, lives this idea. Understanding that preparation can lead to victory, Ligon spends his free time training in the gym to get ready for each weekend's boxing match. Ligon currently switches between the 125 pound and 132 pound weight class, but will stick to boxing in the 125 pound class when he goes to regionals and nationals.

Ligon, a criminal justice major from West Philadelphia, is entering his third season of boxing with the hope of making a repeat appearance at this year's National Championship in Reno, Nev. Because of his achievements and participation in last year's National Championship, Ligon was named All-American, alongside teammates Jarrell Hill and Chris Phifer who also qualified.

This past weekend, Ligon went up against last year's National silver medalist, Trae Miller from Navy. A final decision by the judges gave Ligon the win. Dr. Dick Gillespie, head advisor and coach for the boxing team, feels that this match was an indication of good things to come.

"It was one of the best fights he ever had," Gillespie said. "Trae was a hard hitter, but he was slower than Roi, so Roi used his speed to beat him. Roi is working hard on improving his speed and strength in punching. He's getting much better. I don't see any reason why he wouldn't make it to nationals again this year."

Mansfield's boxing team is currently the smallest of the 19 universities that participate within their region. As of last year, Mansfield is ranked 12 in the nation.

However, unlike the size of Mansfield's boxing team, I could tell that Ligon had big hopes and big ambitions as we conducted this interview in the lobby of the Doane Center. For Ligon, this year means a second chance at the National Championships to "dance under those lights."

Nicole Hagan: How long have you been boxing?
Roi Ligon: I've been boxing for three years – since I was a sophomore.

NH: Did you participate in any other sports growing up?
RL: I did things like peewee football and I was the co-captain of the karate team, but aside from that I didn't really play any other sports growing up.

NH: How did you first get into boxing?
RL: When I came to Mansfield, I was bored. Being the co-captain of the karate team used to be the thing that occupied a lot of my time, but that obviously wasn't the case when I came to college. I initially just needed something to do to keep me busy.

NH: Why did you decide to come to Mansfield?
RL: I came up here for the criminal justice program; I was told that it was a really good program.

NH: You have been boxing for three years now. How do you train to get prepared for your matches? Are there any specific areas you focus on when training?
RL: This season, I run a lot more and do more sprints. I'm also going to start running on the treadmill in order to help with my endurance. In addition to that, Kyle Smith helps me with pad work and I hit the bag and spar once in a while, too.

NH: You had a meet yesterday at Gettysburg. How do you think you did during your fight?
RL: I fought the number two person in the nation, Trae Miller from Navy, and Jarrell Hill fought the number one fighter in the nation, Josh Wisniewski from Lock Haven. We both won our fights. I think that says something when you beat the number one and two fighters. It wasn't really a difficult fight for me, but I learned a lot and I hope that I can develop what I learned and incorporate that into my fighting.

NH: What kinds of things did you learn from your boxing match against Trae Miller?
RL: I learned how to stop or slow down a rusher, how to throw more combinations and that I need to get my endurance up.

NH: What goals do you have, individually, for this boxing season?
RL: Winning nationals is my main goal. I think I'll accomplish that by throwing more combination punches and strengthening my endurance. I want to be able to fight my best all three rounds. Skill-wise, I think I'm better than a lot of fighters, but it's the little things I need to work on and build on in order to succeed.

NH: What goals does the entire team have for this boxing season?
RL: The team needs to work on their endurance also. But more than that, they need to work on their foot-work and overall technique.

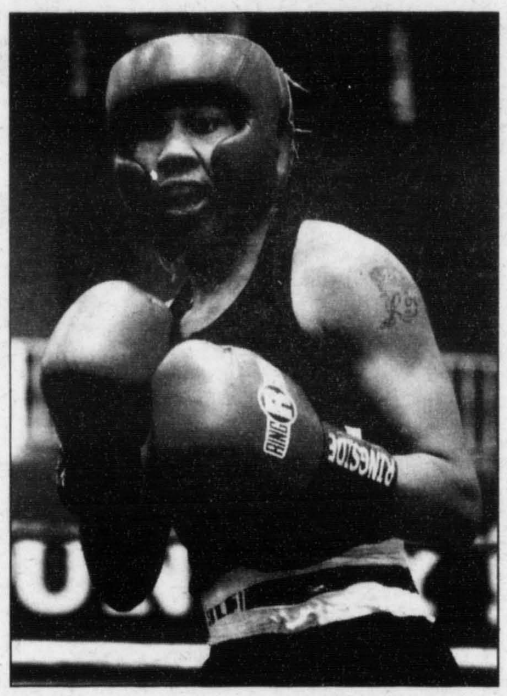
NH: How do you think the team did, as a whole, at Gettysburg?
RL: For a lot of them, this was their first match. I don't know if they were scared or overwhelmed but Jarrell and I were the only ones who won their fights out of the seven others who attended. It goes to show that everybody has a lot of work to do. We just need to get back in the gym on Monday and get to work.

NH: Who were the other fighters at Gettysburg aside from you and Jarrell Hill?
RL: Dan Wentsler, Sara Paritsky, Jasmine Roland and John Mendez were all there, along with another person who went but didn't fight.

NH: What has been your most rewarding experience through college boxing?
RL: Nationals was a great experience. The feeling there was awesome. You get high off of the atmosphere; the people, the food, the girls, the fact that you get to be on television if you make it – everything. All of those things together just add up to be an amazing experience. Hopefully this year we get to bring a bigger team. Last year the only people to go were Jarrell Hill, Chris Phifer and I.

NH: What has been your most difficult task to overcome through college boxing?
RL: My most difficult task would have to be staying self-motivated; working out when you don't want to or don't feel like it. Also, being the underdog and staying positive above all things. When you fight a school that's more advanced than you, it is a challenge.

NH: What motivates you to box?
RL: My team – I love the team that I'm with. We motivate each other. We support and push each other to excel and do better. Additionally, we all get along and have inside jokes and things like that, so it turns into fun despite all the hard work that's involved.



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Roi Ligon defeated the number two ranked boxer in the nation at Gettysburg.

NH: Who is your biggest influence or role model and why?
RL: Well, my family is the biggest influence in my life. They push me to do better and have always been there to encourage me. Boxing-wise, my biggest influences would have to be Dan Lawrence and Jarrell Hill. When I first came onto the team, I didn't have any experience. They helped me a lot because they were experienced fighters and I was able to watch them and learn from them through observation. They, in turn, have helped me develop my own style.

NH: You're a criminal justice major. What are your plans after graduation?
RL: I plan on going to law school. When I get out of that, I'm hoping to practice law - business law, real estate, corporate law – something along those lines.

NH: Explain to me what it is like to be a part of the boxing team here at Mansfield.
RL: Like I said earlier, it's both a lot of fun and a lot of hard work. The people who are involved are what make it fun; developing relationships within the team and even with other schools. The work can get boring and that's why we try to help each other stay motivated, but the traveling aspect of it is cool, especially when you get to go to nationals and collaborate with other teams there, too.

NH: Your next match is this weekend at Lock Haven. Lock Haven is the National Collegiate Boxing Association (NCBA) Champions, so is there anything special you're going to do to train for your match?
RL: Well, I might have to fight the national champ that Jarrell Hill fought at Gettysburg. To prepare for that, I'm just going to do a lot more running and sprinting and continue to work hard and get things done in the gym.

Ligon will be joining the rest of the Mansfield University Boxing Club when they host their annual invitational at Decker Gymnasium Sat., Feb. 23. Teams from Lock Haven, Penn State, West Point, the Coast Guard Academy, Virginia Military Institute, Shippensburg, Gettysburg, Maryland and West Virginia are scheduled to participate.

Men's and Women's Track and Field teams excell at NYC and Connecticut

By CHRISTYNA CAIN
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield men's distance medley relay team qualified for nationals, while the Track & Field teams won the Collegiate Track Championship in New Haven, CT on Sat. Feb. 9 and Sun. Feb 10.

The distance medley relay team (DMR) began the weekend with a trip to New York City on Fri., Feb. 8. The team, consisting of Dave Sanford, Victor Garcia, Bryan Falcone and Chris Cummings placed seventh at the Armory with a time of 10:01.25, which qualified them for the trip to nationals in Boston. To qualify provisionally for a chance at nationals, the relay team needed to run a 10:14. During the meet, Mansfield's DMR team went up against schools such as Texas, Arkansas, Georgetown and Princeton.

"It's pretty cool to have a no name school knock off teams like LSU. It was a cool experience and a lot of fun," Sanford said.

Meanwhile, the rest of the team traveled to Yale University in New Haven, CT to compete at the Collegiate Track Championship (CTC).

At the conclusion of the first day of the competition, the Mansfield track team was in contending position for "bringing home some serious hardware," as head track and field coach Michael Rohl says.

On Sat., Mike Gray set a school record in the shot put with a toss of 50-05.5 feet, giving him second place behind Eugene Asimou of Montclair State. Gray also placed fifth in the weight throw with a throw of 42-06.75 feet.

The women race walkers dominated in the mile, stealing second through fifth place. Michelle Clarke finished in second place with a time of 7:44.45, followed by Anine Stanley with 7:53.49, Chelsea Conway with 7:55.78 and Sarah Groat with 8:32.81.

The men's team also participated in the race walk and succeeded with Bryant Rager placing second with a time of 10:23.16 followed by his teammate, freshman Andrew Licwinko, with a time of 10:34.23.

Sophomore Katie Foster and senior Katrina Brumfield also competed on Sat. night in the pentathlon, finishing in second and fourth respectively.

Head women's track and field coach Steph Cadwell, commented on everyone's achievements at the meet. "I was really pleased with everybody because it was an important meet," Cadwell said. "They really fought for every last point. A lot of people did a lot of different events and never complained about it."

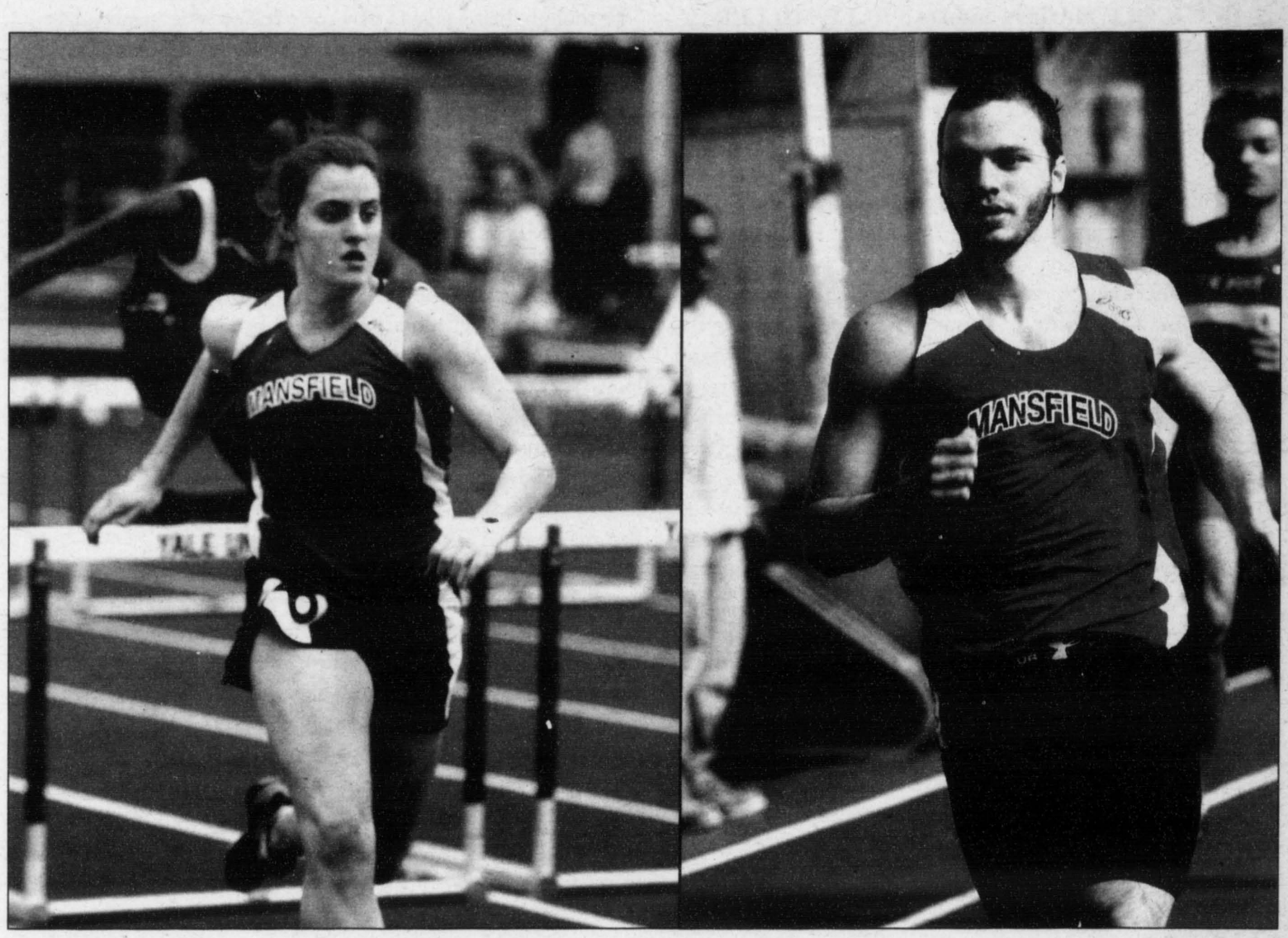
Freshman Ryan Kelly had an impressive day for the women's team as she won the 400 meter dash with a time of 59.03. She also won the 500 meter run with a time of 1:22.80.

"Ryan did a great job and fought for the 400 and won it. She stepped up as a freshman and scored 20 points," Cadwell said.

Freshman Irene Primmer carried the distance events and placed third in the mile with a time of 5:22.66. She additionally placed third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:30.30 and fourth in the 1000 with a time of 3:10.93.

Michelle Rohl, assistant coach of the women's track team, commented on Primmer's performance. "Irene qualified for the conference and ran great; a perfect race," Rohl said. "She was controlled for the first half and held on with a good kick at the end and ended up fourth and scored in the 800 meter run as well."

The 4x200 meter relay team consisted of Jenelle Toter, Amanda Fedish, Jess Allyn and Abbie Waltz who finished in second place with a time of 1:49.72. The 4x800 meter relay team also finished second with a time of 10:34.11 and was run by seniors Sarah Pinkowski, Lindzie Foster and freshmen Primmer and Samantha Goldthwait.



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Katie Foster and Bryan Falcone competed in the CTC meet in New Haven, CT. Both had strong finishes along with other members of the track and field team.

Brumfield placed fourth in the high jump, clearing 5-01 feet. She also jumped 33-03.75 feet in the triple jump to place fourth. Other fourth place finishers include freshman Abby Gaiotti, who cleared 9-00.25 feet in the pole vault and Katie Foster who jumped 15-09 feet in the long jump.

"Abby did great in the vaults and it was her first collegiate championship meet," Cadwell said. "Katrina Brumfield and Katie Foster stepped it up in the field events. Katie said she was not going to miss this meet because of injury and she got a personal best score in the pentathlon, qualified for the conference in the high jump and in the pentathlon and came back and scored in the long and triple jumps the next day. Both girls had personal bests in the shot put and the pentathlon."

On the men's side there were many strong performances and athletes who qualified for the conference. Junior Victor Garcia qualified for the conference meet and placed fourth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 50.77. Garcia also won the 500 meter with a time of 1:06.42 – a personal best.

Cummings won both the mile with a time of 4:17.78 and the 3000 with a time of 8:34.69, breaking his own school record.

Mike Rohl, coach of the men's track team, commented on the men's overall performance at the meet.

"There was a lot of depth on the men's side," Rohl said. "Chris and Victor are the only first place finishers, but we had a lot of second, third and fourth places. Everybody fought for every place and point they could get."

Sophomore John-Mark Stoltz finished third in the mile with a time of 4:21.28, a personal best that qualified him for the conference meet. Stoltz finished second in the 3000 meter with a time of 8:51.33 – his second conference qualifying event.

Sanford placed second in the 800 meter with a time of 1:56.49, in addition to a second place win in the 1000 meter with a time of 2:31.69.

Blake Smith qualified for the conference meet after he ran 1:58.30 to finish fourth in the 800 meter.

The men's 4x400 team also qualified for the conference meet as Joe Eck, Falcone, Garcia and Sanford finished fifth with a time of 3:31.79.

"The men definitely thought they could win," Rohl said. "We set everybody up with possible events to score and they did. Eight or nine athletes on the men's side were conference qualifiers with almost everybody running season and personal bests."

Cadwell noted the overall contribution of all the track and field athletes. "No matter how many points each person scored they all contributed to the team total. Everybody did a great job and came together and contributed as a team," Cadwell said.

On Sun. after a long day of competition, Mansfield University left their mark on the track and came home with two first place trophies. The women won with 139 points and the men finished out the day with 135 points.

Mountaineer Men's Basketball score against Bloomsburg, lose to Millersville in tough overtime play

By NICOLE HAGAN and DANELLE MILLER
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The Mansfield men's basketball team defeated Bloomsburg University 64-56 but fell to Millersville University 95-92 in their fifth overtime game at Decker Gymnasium.

The men defeated Bloomsburg in an away game Wednesday, Feb. 6, earning the Mountaineers their third straight conference win and wrapping up the first half of the PSAC east season.

Much like their rocky start in the conference, the first half of the Bloomsburg game didn't begin well for the Mountaineers. Shooting 28 percent from the floor, missing 15 layups, and having nine turnovers, Mansfield went into the locker room at halftime trailing 30-24. The typically high scorers, senior guard/forward Kevin Hill, junior point guard Chris Greene, and senior guard John Hampton, were only able to put up a combined total of two points.

"Our finishing ability in our first half was a low point," Callahan said. "We missed some of the layups point blank and overall it was just disappointing."

One of the few upsides to their first half play was Callahan's 11 points to help the team stay in the game. Even though Callahan has always been a contributor to the team's success, he had remained relatively quiet with his scoring after a few non-conference games earlier in the season.

"I wasn't doing anything extra in the Bloomsburg game," Callahan said. "I've had a different mental approach going into these last few games, but I think I'm just on a mid-season streak. I realized that I have to be more confident and believe in myself and good things will follow."

The Mountaineers began to close the gap early in the second half with a three-pointer from both Hampton and Greene. A little more than two minutes into it, the Mountaineers were able to tie the game 32-32 with a layup from senior forward Brandon Lawley. Mansfield kept the Huskies within five points for the next four minutes. It was not until a three-pointer from sophomore guard Chris Pender at the 5:21 mark that the Mountaineers were able to regain the lead and keep it for the remainder of the game. Mansfield defeated the Huskies 64-56.

"Pender brings a lot of energy to the game," Greene said. "He's our hustle guy and does a lot of things that aren't in the stat book. He does everything. He can score, play defense against big guys and he makes key plays that nobody even sees half the time. He brings a lot to our team."

Callahan was the high scorer of the night with 17 points, followed by Hampton with 12 and Lawley with nine.

The come-from-behind win was thought to have been helped by the two bus loads of Mansfield students that were driven to the game in an effort to build support for the team.

"The fans were the high point of the night," Callahan said. "Our fans and Bloomsburg fans would yell back and forth to each other and it made the game more exciting to have that amount of people come out to support us at an away game."

Three days later, the Mountaineers were back at home ready to play Millersville University where the fan support was just as concentrated.

From the start of the game, the fans from Mansfield were yelling "defense," to help motivate their team. The only problem was that the Mountaineers switched to a zone defense, bringing down the defensive intensity that the fans were used to seeing, since the zone defense was ineffective against Millersville's outside shooters.

"The zone defense didn't work very well," Callahan said. "We thought being able to play zone defense was an advantage, but not so much in this game. Reggie Bates and Charlie Parker were able to hit their three's, so it proved to be pretty ineffective against them."

Point guard Seth Cornell, one of the few who placed tough defensive pressure on the Marauders after being given more playing time than normal, agreed that the zone defense allowed Millersville's strong offensive shooters to take advantage of the game.

"We practiced the zone defense a lot because it worked very well and was effective when we played Millersville before," Cornell said. "We tried to switch things up, but they got easy looks out of it."

Similar to their previous game at Bloomsburg, Mansfield had difficulties on offense during the first half. Poor passes, weak offensive and defensive rebounding, and 12 turnovers during the first 20 minutes didn't help Mansfield maintain their game plan.

"Going into the Millersville game, we thought we could control the momentum – we had a game plan," Callahan said. "But, Millersville was really good at putting defensive pressure on whoever had the ball and they were able to create a lot of turnovers because of it. We didn't counteract that. On defense, we gave up 95 points, and that's not good. We made poor offensive choices as well, like a few of my drives to the hoop. Instead of passing the ball back out, I tried to force something that wasn't there. We also know that we need to play a more balanced game. While we have good shooters, we still need to do a better job at getting the ball inside to Lawley and Carr in the paint."

Even with forced passes and ineffective defense, Mansfield managed to head into the locker room at halftime tied 40-40.

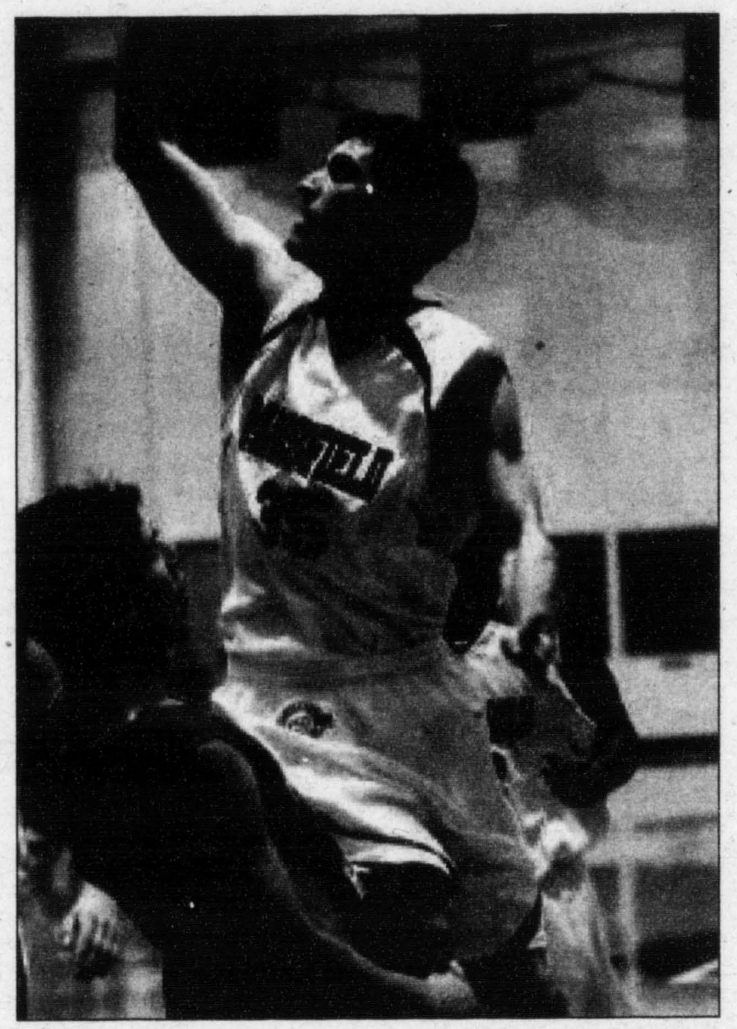
Mansfield continued to have no answer to Millersville's defensive pressure as the Marauders left the Mountaineers scoreless for the first five minutes of the second half.

"We came out and made some poor decisions," Greene said. "I'll give Millersville credit, they play good, in-your-face defense and we didn't handle it well. When you're playing a good team like that you can't make the mental mistakes that we were making."

Millersville started the second half with a 9-0 scoring run that was broken by a layup from Hampton at the 15:13 mark. Mansfield slowly chipped away at the lead. With five seconds left in the half, the score 72-70 in favor of the Marauders, Greene was fouled going in for a lay-up. With the possibility of tying the game at the line, Greene only made one of his two foul shots. Still holding on, Mansfield fouled Parker to stop the clock and give the Mountaineers a last-second opportunity. Parker made both foul shots, making the score 74-71 with three seconds to go. The ball was in-bounded to Greene who threw up a last effort shot, banking the ball off of the glass from across the half court line and hitting the game-tying three-point shot at the buzzer to send the Mountaineers into their fifth overtime game at Decker Gymnasium this season.

"You want to celebrate for a second, but then you realize you have another five minutes you have to play," Greene said. "I had a lot of confidence going into overtime because we had won every game before that, so I was just worrying about getting the tip and doing what we had to do to win."

In overtime, Mansfield got the tip-off and scored the first two points with a layup from Lawley. The layup was off of an assist by Callahan after a fast break due to Greene's defensive aggressiveness. The momentum would not reside



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Ryan Callahan was the high scorer for both games and had a career high 30 points against Millersville.

on Mansfield's side, however, as the Marauders retaliated with two foul shots from Parker and two three-pointers from Millersville's Brannon Burnette. Mansfield was unable to regain the lead, trailing by as many as eight points with 1:13 remaining. Two foul shots from Lawley brought them as close as 93-92 at the seven second mark, but their efforts were followed by two more made foul shots from Burnette.

Callahan commented on the differences in foul shooting between Millersville and Mansfield.

"We did very poorly with our foul shooting," Callahan said. "We were somewhere less than 60 percent from the line and our goal is to be at 80 percent. We shot well against ESU and Bloomsburg?, but against Millersville we definitely did not."

Mansfield lost their first overtime game of the season 95-92.

"We made a lot of mental mistakes," Greene said. "We played hard, but we didn't make the plays that we needed to win. We didn't step up on defense and we weren't able to convert the offensive rebounds we got into points."

High scorers of the game included Callahan with a game high and career high 30 points, Greene with 24, Hampton with 16 and Lawley with 11 points and eight rebounds.

"We're a second half team, that's how we've always been," Greene said. "But that's not always a good thing. When we're down early, we end up putting ourselves in a hole that we have to climb out of. It's a lot like how our conference season has started. We lost our first three conference games and now we had to dig ourselves out of that too. We need to start playing the full 40 minutes. We've seen everybody in the PSAC's at this point. We just got to go out and play every game - win one by one by one and make sure that we are the most focused team out there."

Hill and Ligon defeat number one and two nationally ranked contenders

By BRYANT RAGER

Special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University boxing club sent six fighters to Gettysburg on Sat. Feb. 9.

Roi Ligon, Jarrell Hill, John Mendez, Jasmine Roland, Dan Wentsler and Sara Paritsky all fought at the match in Gettysburg.

Ligon fought Trae Miller from Navy who was a silver medalist at nationals in Reno, Nev. last year. Ligon, who switches back and forth between the 125 pound and 132 pound weight class, dropped down to fight Miller in the 124 pound class. Coming into the bout Roi had four wins and 10 losses, while Trae had seven wins and 10 losses. Roi, a much faster boxer, used his speed to beat the bigger, heavy hitting Navy standout. The fight was awarded to Ligon by the judges decision.

Dr. Dick Gillespie is the Mansfield boxing head coach. "It was the best fight he ever had," Gillespie said. "Roi is working hard on improving his speed and strength in his punching. He's getting much better."

Jarrell Hill fought Josh Wisniewski from Lock Haven University. Wisniewski, the more experienced fighter and last year's gold medalist at the National Championship, came into the match holding 21 wins and seven losses, while Hill had a record of 7-6. The two boxers fought at the 132 pound weight class.

"Hill scored big in the first two rounds of the fight, but he began to get overly aggressive and started missing things in the third," Gillespie said. "Because of that, I think Josh won the thrid round, but Hill still got the decision in the fight."

Freshman John Mendez fought Gettysburg boxer Mike Smitsky at the 147 pound weight class. Smitsky was taller and heavier than Mendez, giving him an advantage in the fight. Mendez fought well, but came up short against the bigger Smitsky.

"John fought well - very gutsy with lots of speed - but Minstky was too tall and too heavy," Gillespie said. "John doesn't have the experience yet to learn how to get inside against taller opponents. We have real high hopes for Mendez and believe that he has a future in boxing. It takes years for a fighter to develop their skills. While we expect Mendez to win a few fights this year, we're sure that he'll become a very good boxer by next year - his future is very high."

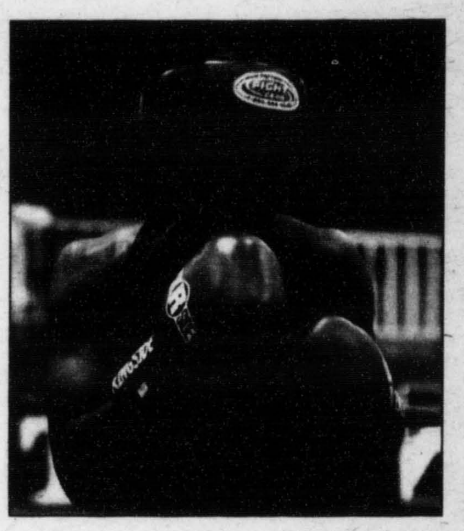
Two women fought for Mansfield this past weekend at Gettysburg, contributing to the four women's bouts that the meet held.

"Four women's bouts is an unusually high number at a college boxing event" Gillespie said.

Jasmine Roland lost in a judges decision to Katie Ruddiman from Gettysburg. Ruddiman was 1-0 coming in while Roland had no record. Sara Paritsky fought Loren Maochi from West Virginia. Both had no record coming into the bout. The fight was close, but Maochi came out on top beating Paritsky by one point.

The final Mansfield fighter was Dan Wentsler who fought Spencer Wheeler, a boxer from Gettysburg. Wentsler outweighed Wheeler, although Wheeler was taller with a longer reach.

"Dan's problem is that he's heavy, but not tall, so he will always end up fighting guys taller than him in his own weight class," Gillespie said. "The problem is he can't get inside. He did it once in the second round, but then he backed off and didn't continue to do what he needed to do."



SPORTS INFORMATION

Jarrell Hill fought the number one boxer in the nation in his weight class and defeated him by judges decision.

Wentsler lost the bout to Wheeler.

The boxing club will have their next match at Lock Haven University.

Word on the Street: With Nicole and Danelle

"Word on the Street" is a new addition to the sports section where we ask an inquiring, deep, pensive question each week about current sports news - anyone on campus is at risk.

Bob Knight, former head coach of Texas Tech and four time National Coach of the Year, announced his retirement from college basketball on Monday, Feb. 4. Previously the coach for Indiana University, Knight led his Hoosiers to an undefeated season in 1976. (No Division I team has had an undefeated season since.) Known for his hot temper and controversial actions, (such as throwing a chair across the court in a 1985 game against Purdue University), we wanted to know...

Q: What do you think about Bob Knight's departure from basketball?



"I don't think he's done with college basketball. If he gets the right job opportunity, I think he'll take it."

Mike Gray



"I think he just did it for his son. He's coming back to college basketball. He just wanted to help his son out and give him a chance at coaching."

Greg Hopkins



"He's a really good coach and a crazy guy - especially when he throws chairs and crap."

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Mountaineer women lose two conference games, record now 6-16

By CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield women's basketball team lost two games with three starters out due to injury and three more players sitting from illnesses.

Last Wednesday, the Mountaineer women traveled to Bloomsburg University for a PSAC Eastern Division match up.

Members from the MU Crew took two charter buses to Bloomsburg, but were there for the end of the women's game. The buses left at five o'clock to compensate for students' class schedules.

Ryan Kelly is a freshman who rode on the bus as a part of the MU Crew. "We were really hyped up on the bus once we got close to Bloomsburg," Kelly said. "I just wish we could have made it for the women's game because it's not fair that they don't get the attention the men get. Granted the men deserve every bit they get, but the women deserve the same attention."

Senior Jeanette Meachem scored a career high 22 points and career high seven free throws to lead the Mountaineers.

"I just wish we could have won that game, but I'm still happy with what I've achieved," Meachem said. Meachem, Kelli Eastman and Merissa Gaeta all played with either the flu or another form of stomach virus.

By the half, Mansfield was down 37-26. In the second half, the Mountaineer defense held Bloomsburg to only 35 points. The Mansfield offense scored 33 points to bring the final score to 72-59.

Ruth Hermansen is the women's basketball head coach. "We dug ourselves a hole in the first half," Hermansen said. "We couldn't come back from it, but the defense really held up."

Other standouts for Mansfield were junior Clarissa Correll, who had 13 points and five assists and junior Alicia Espigh, who had 10 points to make it her fifth game in a row with double-digit scoring.

Espigh's streak ended when the Mountaineers hosted Millersville University on Saturday.

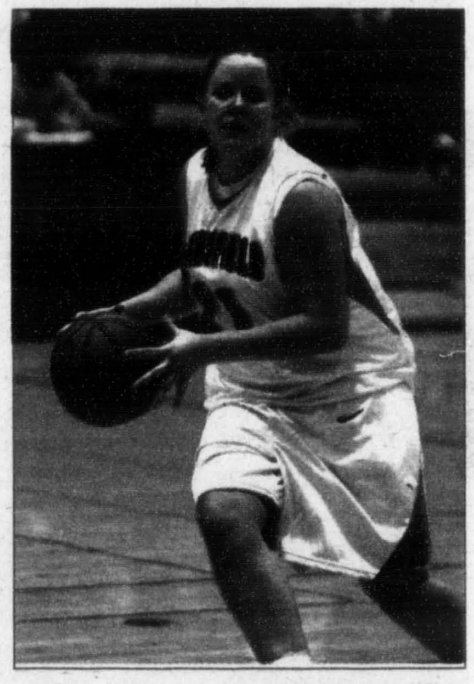
Espigh was held to only four points against the Marauders. Both Meachem and Correll scored 10 points to lead the Mountaineers, while Gaeta pulled down a career high 11 rebounds and Meachem had nine rebounds.

Junior Courtney Brooks returned to action, but did not start in the game. Brooks' left hand was taped due to prior injury.

Millersville led the Mountaineers going into halftime 32-16.

During the second half, Mansfield scored 23 points and held Millersville to 30 points to make the final score 62-39.

"The girls are doing a great job, considering we've had for the most part three starters out with injuries," Hermansen said.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Kelli Eastman played against Bloomsburg while ill, along wtih two other teammates.

Coming up in Mountie Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Feb. 14	15	16 - Men's Basketball @ Cheyney, 3 p.m. - Women's Basketball @ Cheyney, 1 p.m.	17	18	19	20
21 - Swimming, PSAC Championship @ Cumberland Valley HS	22 - Swimming, PSAC Championship @ Cumberland Valley HS - Baseball @ West Virginia Wesleyan, 1 p.m.	23 - Men's Basketball @ West Chester, 3 p.m. - Women's Basketball @ West Chester, 1 p.m. - Swimming, PSAC Championship @ Cumberland Valley HS - Indoor Track & Field, DeNault Invite @ Cornell and Kent State Last Chance @ Kent, OH - Baseball @ Concord, 1 p.m.	24 - Swimming, PSAC Championship @ Cumberland Valley HS - Baseball @ Concord, 12 p.m.	25	26	27 - Men's Basketball @ East Stroudsburg, 8 p.m. - Women's Basketball @ East Stroudsburg, 6 p.m.

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❖❖❖❖1776 THE MUSICAL: SPECIAL EDITION❖❖❖❖

Mansfield University students present 1776 for the first time in 32 years

By CARRIE GOODYEAR
Features Editor

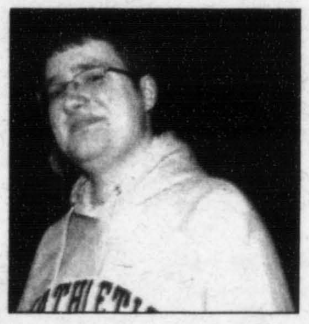
Mansfield University will present the musical 1776 on Feb. 21, 22, 23 at 8 p.m. and on Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. in Straughn Auditorium.

The last time 1776 was seen on the Mansfield University stage was 32 years ago during the bicentennial year. The Bicentennial performance was produced by the Mansfield Festival Theater. The Mansfield Festival Theater (MFT) was a summer program that helped bring notable actors to Mansfield University.

Michael Crum is a professor of theater and the director of 1776. "I have been directing shows at Mansfield University for over 20 years and I've been directing overall for 32 years and I have never had the opportunity to direct 1776," Crum said. "I enjoy this show because it is really different. The all male chorus gives the musical a completely different sound."

Brady Goldsmith, a junior music education major, is playing the role of John Adams. Adams is not well liked by a majority of men in the continental congress. "Adams is somebody who knows what he wants and knows how to get there," Goldsmith said. "He pushes buttons and can be tuned out sometimes because he likes to ramble."





PHOTOS BY CARRIE GOODYEAR
Brady Goldsmith and Scott Test (above) have two major roles.

During the course of the play, the audience sees a special relationship emerge between John Adams and Benjamin Franklin. Franklin is played by Scott Test, a junior music education major. "Franklin is a smart aleck and too clever for his own good. He definitely tries to balance idealism with realism," Test said. "Franklin sees Adams as an intelligent person who knows what's best for the country."

Becky Eick is the assistant to the directors for 1776. Eick is a senior history major with a minor in theater arts. "1776 has been a learning experience so far. It's interesting to me because of my strong background in history," Eick said. "I'm really glad I get to do something that I love and share it with other people."

Putting together a musical is not an easy task. "Our challenge is always the same thing: there never seems to be quite enough room on stage," Crum said. "The good news is that we've already overcome one of the biggest challenges of the show and that was finding 22 men who can sing."

Tickets for 1776 are $10 for adults, $7 for children and seniors and $2 for Mansfield University students with ID. Tickets may be purchased early online (with credit card) at music.mansfield.edu. Tickets will also be available at the box office two hours before the show.

Former Mansfield State College students talk about bicenntiennial perfomance of 1776

By CARRIE GOODYEAR
Features Editor
&
DAVID WERT
Special to the Flashlight

32 years ago, Mansfield University was Mansfield State College and the Mansfield Festival Theater (MFT) was in full swing.

The original Mansfield Festival Theater was a blue and gold tent that stood in what is now the parking lot adjacent to Allen Hall. However the rain would stop performances in their tracks and a few years later, a pole building replaced the tent.

1976 marked the bicentennial year. Peter Grego was the original director of 1776 at the MFT. "We had some young apprentices and students playing way beyond their years. But in 1976, performing 1776 in Pennsylvania," Grego said. "We could do no wrong."

Despite the fact that Grego was working with young students, the talent was not lacking. Ben Scranton and Lorrie Armstrong (now Lorrie Scranton) both had key roles in the production of 1776. Scranton graduated from Wellsboro Area High School and received his Bachelor's Degree from Mansfield State College.

Scranton played the role of the southern gentleman, Edward Rutledge.

When asked about preparation for the role of Rutledge, Scranton said, "the same way I prepared for all roles, learn your lines and music and don't bump into the furniture," Scranton said. "I also had to get to know the people and the surroundings."

Armstrong filled two roles: stage manager and assistant director.

"[Grego] and I collaborated on the casting and staging of 1776," Armstrong said.

Scranton and Armstrong are married and are currently living in Massachusetts. Both have pursued acting careers in New Hampshire, Hartford, Connecticut, and New York City. In addition to still performing, Scranton is a playwright.

Another young talent in the cast was Dennis Garner. Garner played the role of Judge James Wilson while pursuing an undergraduate degree in theater at MSC. "I wanted experience on both sides of the curtain, helping with technical aspects as well as acting."

Garner is currently a pastor in Big Flats, NY. "Theater helped me with being a pastor because of the communication aspect."

All four of the MFT members agreed on two things. First, they agreed that MFT was an enriching experience. "For someone who wanted to pursue acting, the summer theater experience was a good learning ground because it was so concentrated," Scranton said. "The shows ran one right after another."

Garner expressed the same sentiment. "You had to worry about lines from the last show popping out in the current show," Garner said.

The second thing all of the members agreed about was the sense and feeling of family.

"That production [1776] was one big, happy family," Armstrong said. "It was a good group of people."

Again, Garner echoed the same feeling. "The cast was like a family," Garner said. "We had to help each other out."

Grego agreed, "We've exchanged Christmas cards for 34 years. However we didn't see each other again until last February," Grego said. "It was as if no time had passed."

The interviews for this article were conducted by David Wert. All of the historical information in the beginning of this article was provided by Dr. Larry Biddison, Mansfield University Emeritus, Professor of English.

Meet the cast!



KERRI GREWE
Martha Jefferson



THEO LENTZ
Col. Thomas McKean
Delaware



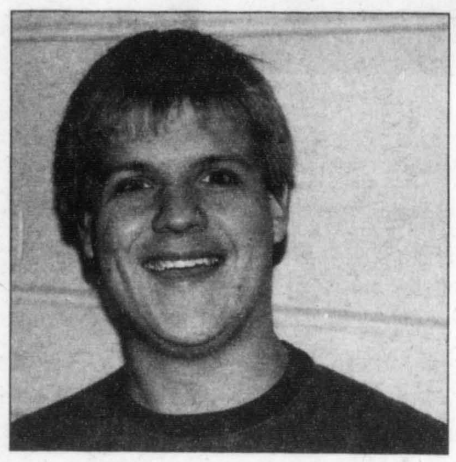
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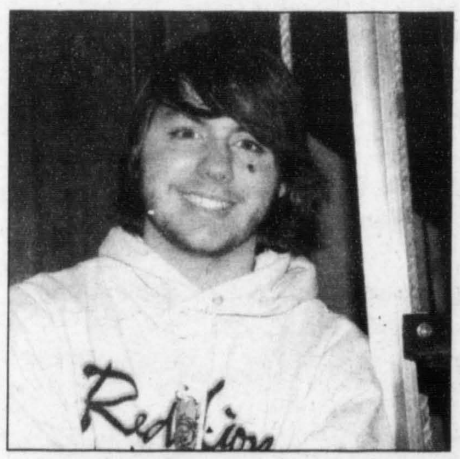
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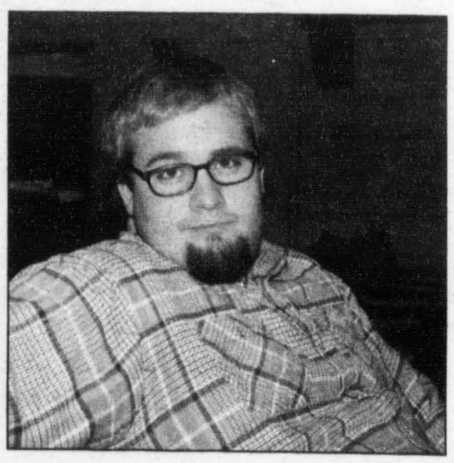
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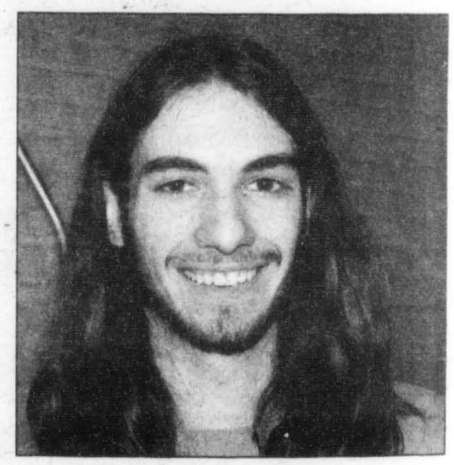
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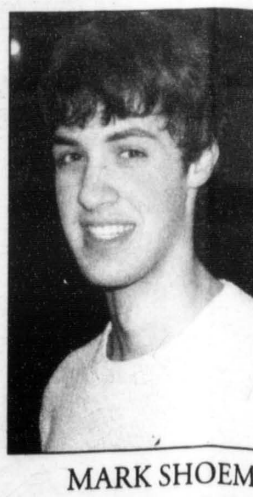
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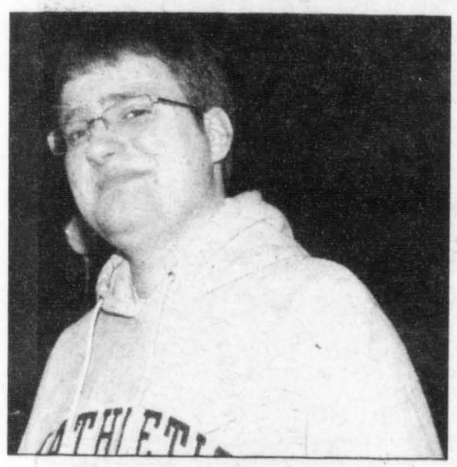
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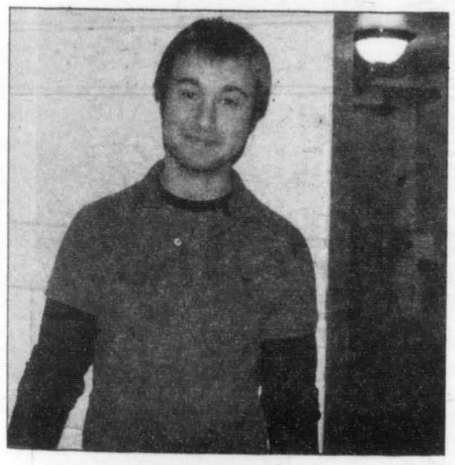
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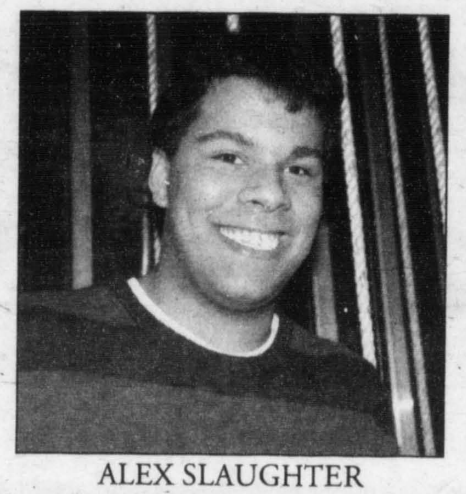
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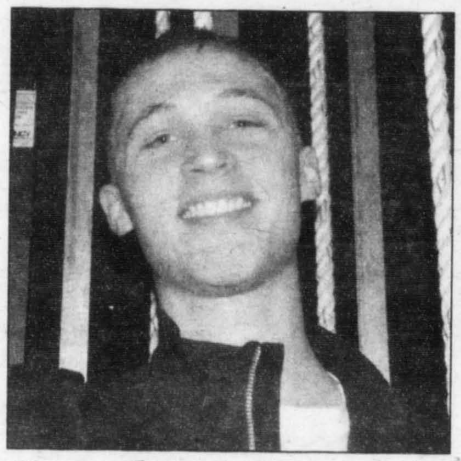
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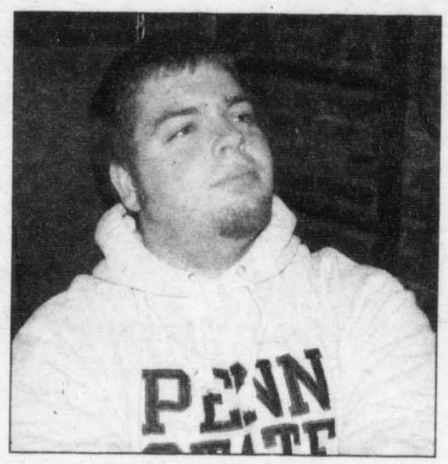
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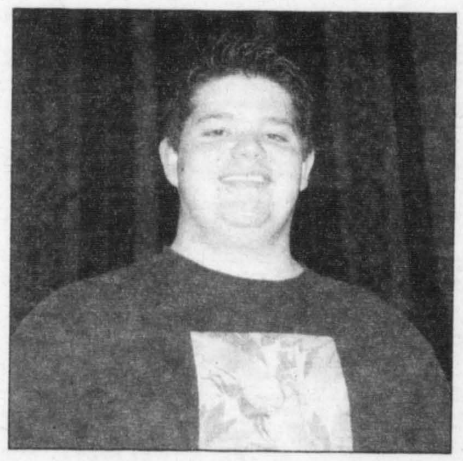
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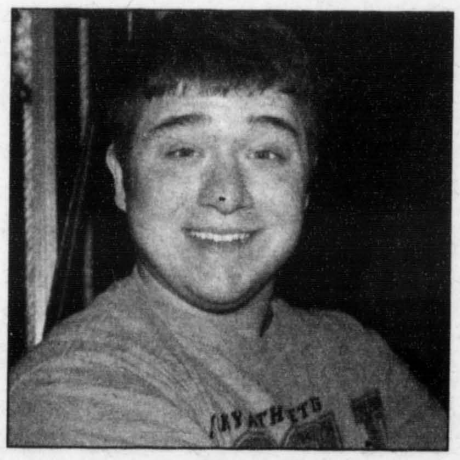
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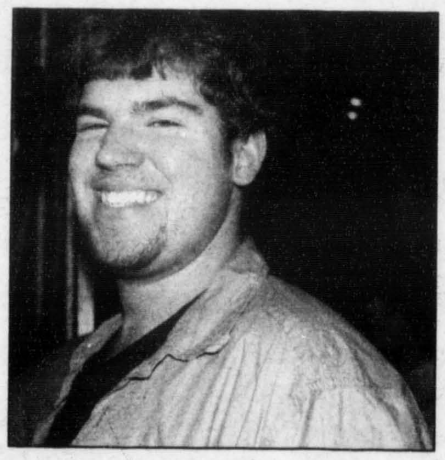
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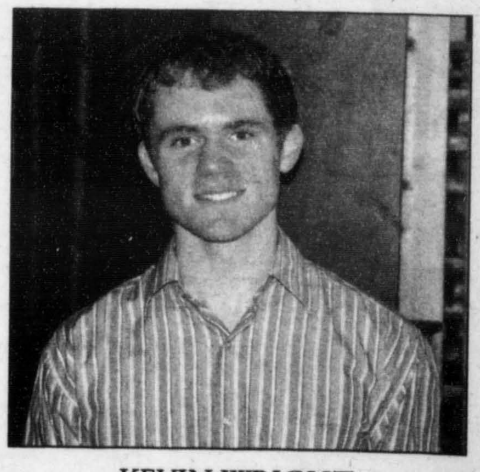
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Fun facts about the Mansfield Festival Theater

This information was compiled by Dr. Larry Biddison, Mansfield University Faculty Emeritus Professor of English.

- During the 1970s Mansfield State College conducted Mansfield Festival Theater , a professional summer repertory theater.
- The MFT tent was blue and gold and was located adjacent to Allen Hall in what is now a parking lot.
- MFT was the idea of John Tillinghast and Frank Ball. Tillinghast, then chairperson of the Department of Theater at Mansfield, was MFT's first producer and Ball, also in the department, was the first artistic director.
- MFT's first production was You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.
- During the first season, Kevin Kline and Patti Lupone starred in The Fantasticks.
- Patti Lupone also starred in Blythe Spirit.
- In 1974, the circus tent that had been constructed to house the theater was replaced by a pole barn. This was so a lighting system could be put into place and it also eliminated the need to stop the show due to rain.
- In 1975, two television stars appeared on the MFT stage. Patricia Bruder (Ellen Stewart, As the World Turns) and Len Gochman (Another World and Somerset) starred in the production of I Do! I Do!
- In 1976, MFT played up the Bicentennial Season and put on productions like 1776 and The Pursuit of Happiness.
- MFT ran for nine years and had 42 productions.
- MFT ended in 1980 due to budget cuts.

Little known facts about the American Revolution

Information courtesy of www.americanrevolution.com

The Americans of 1776 had the highest standard of living and the lowest taxes in the Western World!

Farmers, lawyers and business owners in the Colonies were thriving, with some plantation owners and merchants making the equivalent of $500,000 a year.

There were two Boston tea parties

Few people know that the improper Bostonians repeated the firstperformance on March 7, 1774. The two tea parties cost the British around $3 million in modern money.

Benjamin Franklin wrote the first Declaration of Independence

In 1775, Franklin, disgusted with the arrogance of the British and appalled by the bloodshed at Lexington and Concord, wrote a Declaration of Independence.

John Adams defended the British Soldiers after the Boston Massacre

Future President John Adams took up the defense of British soldiers during the Boston Massacre. He, along with Joshua Quincy, was able to get all but two acquitted by a local jury. Those two were found guilty of manslaughter, but claimed benefit of clergy. This means that they were allowed to make penance instead of being executed. To insure that they never could use benefit of clergy again they were both branded on the thumbs.

History's first submarine attack took place in New York Harbor in 1776

On Sept. 6, 1776, the Turtle targeted the HMS Eagle, flagship of the British fleet. The submarine was supposed to secure a cask of gunpowder to the hull of the Eagle and sneak away before it exploded. Unfortunately, the Turtle got entangled with the Eagle's rudder bar, lost ballast and surfaced before the gunpowder could be planted.

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Today's Weather
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High- 30°F
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Mansfield has it's own place in Civil War History

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Mansfield Pennsylvania has deep Civil War and slavery roots. Mansfield is home of many Civil War soldiers and two safe houses on the Underground Railroad.

Ron Remy, a retired education professor at Mansfield University, led a tour through Prospect Cemetery and showed the borough's two safe houses.

If someone decided to help a slave to safety and they were caught, they would be fined $1,000 dollars, which would have been three years of someone's salary in the 1800s. They would also be put into jail. Not everybody that was sympathetic would help, because they were afraid. "Families in Gettysburg, Williamsport, Covington and two families right here in Mansfield broke the law and they hid the slaves in their home," Remy said.

Ron Remy has researched each of these people and their homes. His own grandparents and great grandparents lived in a safe house. The house had a room without windows and a bookshelf that was placed in front of the door. Behind that door they held the escapees.

The two safe houses in Mansfield were owned by Henry Allen and Ezra Davis. Henry Allen's house was built in 1846 and Ezra Davis' house was built in 1838. These two homes in Mansfield would be a stop on the Underground Railroad for escapees before being sent up through Tioga County, into New York and into Canada.

Remy believes that the escaped slaves would have traveled the railroad from Covington into Mansfield, because it would be easy to hang onto one of the cars and ride up. It was also less noticeable than walking on a main road. If they were noticed, they could run into the woods and hide.

An escaped slave girl died in the Ezra house. At the Ezra family plot in Prospect Cemetery, there is a spot left open with no marker. The little girl could have been buried there.

There are steps leading up to the side of the Ezra Davis house. "Can you imagine coming up through that cornfield, coming up the side of the road, can you imagine the people walking up those steps?" Remy said. "They have found a safe house. They will have dinner tonight; it will be warm."

Every single civil war soldier (and every other soldier) in Prospect Cemetery has a marker with an American Flag. Remy guided the group through the Cemetery and told the stories of different people.



PHOTO BY REBECCA HAZEN
Every grave site marked with this star indicates a Civil War Veteran.

Charles Day was a 19 year old boy from Lambs Creek. He joined the troops to fight in the Civil War. One day the flag carrier was shot and he handed off his rifle to someone near him. Day walked back near the Confederate line to pick up the flag and he brought it back. Day was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for that. 3412 people have ever received the Medal of Honor from civil war up to present day.

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Men for Progress hosts Open Mic Night featuring Gemineye

By KIRA BROCK
Special to the Flashlight

Men for Progress hosted its annual Open Mic Night on Sunday Feb. 17.

Men for Progress has been hosting this event since spring semester 2007. The event is held once a month usually on a Sunday evening. Gregory Cooper is a senior and an active member of Men for Progress.

"Open Mic is open to anyone who wants to perform," Cooper said. "Unfortunately, we have not had any staff perform as of yet."

Open Mic has grown to become an event that many look forward to. Keith Wilson is a member of the organization and was the host for the night's events.

"This event did not take long to get off the ground," Wilson said. "People became interested in Open Mic immediately. They were happy to have this event on campus."

Many of the students in attendance performed original songs or poems. Others decided to perform some form of art work that inspired them in some way. Melanie De Jesus, a freshman music major, sang 'I'll Fight with Him' by Amy WineHouse.

"As a music major we cannot always choose a song that has some meaning to us," De Jesus said. "Open Mic gave me the chance to sing what I wanted, how I wanted."

Kristie Terrell, a junior Philosophy major, performed an original poem called 'Weird.'

"I want people to know that being labeled weird is not bad, " Terrell said. "What is bad is that people are seen as outcasts when they act or dress differently." Weird, which stands for Wonderfully Eccentric In Revealing Dynamics, was written from personal experience.

"I wanted to use myself as an example so that people can see what is considered normal needs to be redefined," Terrell said.

Among the students that performed was a poet by the name of Gemineye. As part of Open Mic, Men for Progress invites various artists to perform. People such as Bassey Ikpi and Benny Black have also had the opportunity to perform for Mansfield University students.

Gemineye, whose real name is Christopher Kuretich, is the Assistant Dean of Students at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. He focuses on motivational and inspirational pieces.

"Growing up in the Northeast area of the United States has had an impact in how I write." Gemineye said. "I draw my inspiration from everyday life and experiences that I have been in."

Gemineye has allowed people to use his work as long as they do not pass it off as their own. He has performed at 150 colleges and universities throughout the U.S.

"If I can change one person at every event I attend, then I know I've made a difference," Gemineye said.

Being from the inner city has helped Gemineye in his work also. "They either fully understand the content of my work or they learn so much from it that they feel like they have been brought into my world."

Weekly Weather

TODAY

Mostly Cloudy

High: 25 Low: 20

FRIDAY

Snow Showers

High: 31 Low: 25

SATURDAY

Snow Showers

High: 32 Low: 17

SUNDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 32 Low: 22

MONDAY

Snow Showers

High: 38 Low: 26

TUESDAY

Rain/Snow

High: 39 Low: 28

WEDNESDAY

Snow Showers

High: 36 Low: 25

Information taken from www.weather.com

Info-To-Go

Campus Bulletin Board Mansfield University

-The new spring edition of the Careers for College Graduates booklet has been placed on the Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission website. To access the new edition, log on to the website at www.scsc.state.pa.us. Under the Job Information heading select College Graduates. The booklet is available in both pdf and text formats. This booklet is designed to assist students to discover the types of job opportunities available with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It provides job titles for which a student may qualify based on the degree they will have earned.

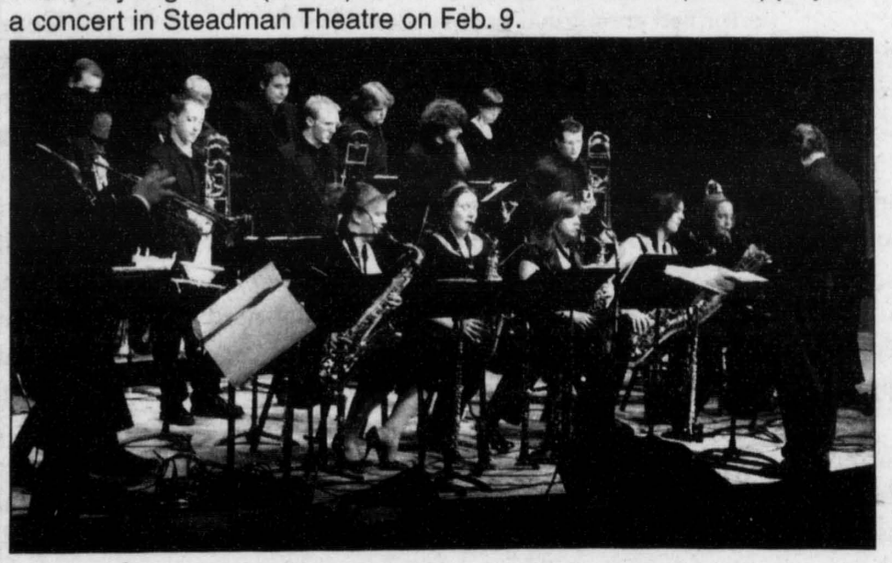
- The Black Student Union and the Criminal Justice club are holding a dance on Friday Feb. 29 at the Hut.

- On Sunday March 2 the Criminal Justice club is holding a Dodgeball tournament at the Kelchner Fitness Center from 8-10 p.m.



PHOTOs BY CARRIE GOODYEAR

The X-ray Big Band (above) & the MU Jazz Ensemble (below) played a concert in Steadman Theatre on Feb. 9.



Entertainment Corner

Top Digital Singles: Courtesy of billboard.com



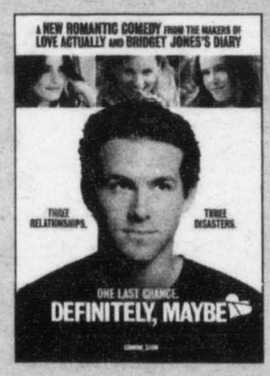
1.) **Flo Rida Featuring T-Pain** - Low
2.) **Yael Naim** - New Soul
3.) **Rhianna** - Don't Stop the Music
4.) **Sara Bareilles** - Love Song
5.) **Chris Brown** - With You





Top Movies: Courtesy of imdb.com

1.) **Jumper** - PG-13, Hayden Christensen, Samuel L Jackson
2.) **Spiderwick Chronicles**- PG, Freddie Highmore
3.) **Step Up 2 the streets**- PG-13 Robert Hoffman
4.) **Fool's Gold** - PG-13 Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson
5.) **Definitely, Maybe**- PG-13 Ryan Reynolds



Police Beat

February 17, 2008 -

Frank Norris, 19 and Dominic Cino, 18 were charged with verbally harassing a student by using inappropriate, obscene, lewd language towards the victim. They were also referred to Residence Life for the violations.

'CIVIL WAR'

There is a plot for the children's orphanage home. The children's home was built for the children of Civil War veterans that gave their lives. There was a flu epidemic, and the children whose lives were lost are all buried next to one another.

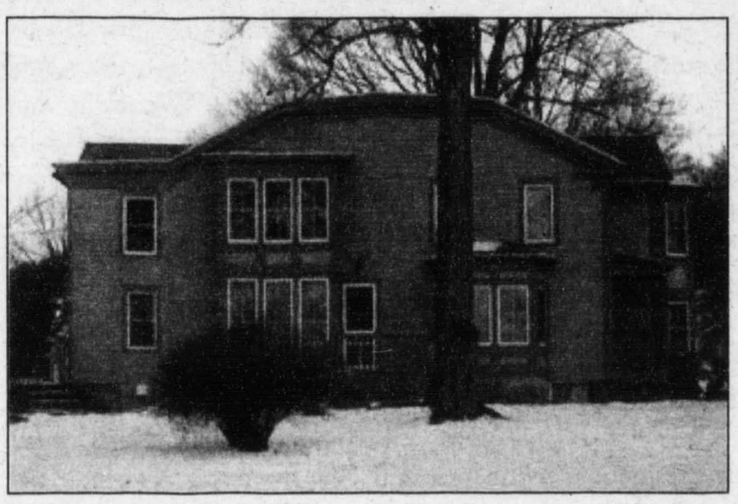


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The Henry Allen house is located on North Main St. and was a stop on the Underground Railroad.

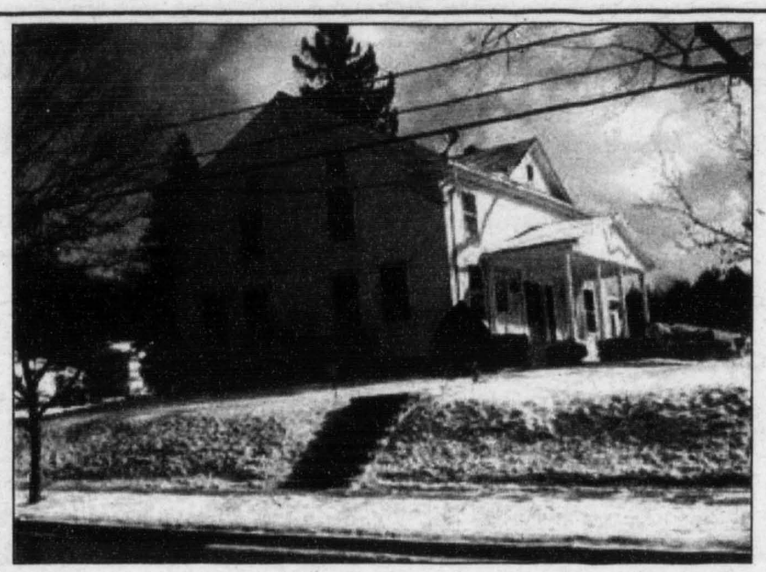


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The Ezra Davis house is also located on North Main St. and was an additional stop on the Underground Railroad.

As the tour continued on, Remy noted that "This is black history month. This is when the people were coming up through the cornfields and through the snow. We are doing the same thing they would have been doing. Maybe they had a shawl, maybe they had a blanket, maybe they were even barefoot or just had a pair of flimsy shoes."

One soldier in Mansfield was named William Brown. On his tombstone it is marked U.S.C.T which stands for United States Colored Troops. Brown was a black man and was a part of the 59 Massachusetts regiment.

William Pitts, another soldier from Mansfield was captured and put in Andersonville Prison in Georgia. Andersonville Prison was not known for its cleanliness. There were many sicknesses in the prison due to the water sources. He survived being in prison and was able to return back to Mansfield when the war was over.

"How would you know if it is safe for us to stay and hide? They would put a candle in the window. If you see the lighted candle, it is a welcome light, and you could stay there," Remy said. As the group passed the Henry Allen house, there was indeed a candle in the window – perhaps as a reminder to all of the history.

The town of Mansfield is working together to get two markers made so that everyone will know that there are two former safe houses in town. Mansfield is a part of history and people, including Remy, are working to keep it alive.

PSECU Intramural All-Star Basketball Game!

After an intense season of basketball intramurals, it's time for the stars to battle it out in one game!

8 p.m.
Monday, March 3
Kelchner Fitness Center



Free with student ID!



Come out for Raffles, Dance Performances, Refreshments and Contests!

Slam Dunk Contest and a Basketball Skills Challenge - anyone may enter!

Music provided by WNTE

MAC hosts Valentine's Day event

By BREANNE TOBIN
Flashlight writer

Mansfield Activities Council (MAC) hosted a Valentine's Day event last Tuesday for students in the Alumni Center.

Students were offered free chocolate lollipops with their picture on it, chocolates and themed photos.

MAC hired Party Vision to provide the students with these services. Party Vision is an organization stationed in Nashua, N.H. They provide party novelties of different themes for schools and companies. MAC members discovered them at a National Association of Collegiate Activities (NACA) conference.

The event took place during the day to accommodate commuter students as well as traditional and non traditional students. Students learned of the event through the Daily Digest.

Meg Olney is secretary of MAC. "We wanted something specifically for Valentine's Day because we know college students can't always afford to buy things for their loved ones," Olney said. "This is a great event that students can enjoy for free and we wanted to make sure it was available for all students."

Party Visions provided a station to get your picture taken and printed on a chocolate lollipop. People took individual pictures as well as pictures with friends or significant others.

Another station was the chocolate factory where food was dipped in chocolate. The fruit available was apples, strawberries, pineapples, bananas and pears. For a sweeter treat, sugar, oreo and chocolate chip cookies were available as well as animal and graham crackers and rice krispy treats.

The last station provided theme photos. Students had the choice of getting an individual picture holding a bear and rose or a picture with friends or significant other. They were able to choose from a variety of different Valentine borders that surrounded the picture. Greg Gervais works for Party Vision and was in charge of the themed photos.

"The themed photo is really popular with our Valentine package because people like that they can create the border of the picture," Gervais said.

Hayley Tuckey is a sophomore at Mansfield University who attended the event. "This activity is a great idea because you can spend time with friends. It also is a nice way of giving gifts to loved ones without the expenses of Valentine's Day," Tuckey said.

MAC's next event will be midnight breakfast on Thursday Feb. 21, in North Manser. All food is free and supplies are limited.

Men Who Cook coming to Corey Creek

By BEKA BROWN
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University's Women's Studies department is holding the fourth annual Men Who Cook event on Thursday, Feb. 28.

Men Who Cook exhibits the cuisine of at least 18 males from the university and the community. The event will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Corey Creek Golf Club's clubhouse. Live entertainment and a silent auction will also be at the event.

The purpose of Men Who Cook is to benefit the Ann Mabe Scholarship fund. Mabe was an anthropology professor at Mansfield University and the scholarship benefits students with Women's Studies minors.

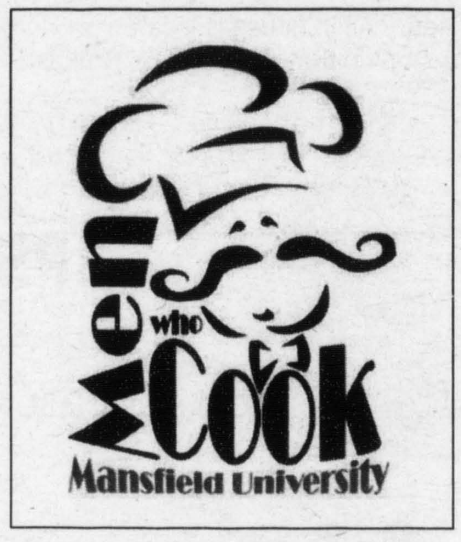
The featured chefs will include President Loeschke's husband Richard Gillespie, Psychology professor Dennis Murray, music professor Youngsuck Kim, soccer coach Tim Dempsey, Assistant Vice President of Student Activities and Leadership Jim Harrington, chef and owner of the Wren's Nest Jaime Fry and Corey Creek chef Bill Collins.

Cornpone Sally, a local folk and blues style band will be playing as well as graduate student and acoustic guitarist Dave Shaffer.

Dr. Denise Seigart played an important role in the months of preparation for the event. "There will be artwork in the silent auction donated by Maureen Seigart, a recent RISD grad and soon to be famous artist, along with many, other cool items collected by Dr. Sornberger," Seigart said. Dr. Judith Sornberger, a professor of English and modern languages, was also involved in the organization of the event. She has seen that in the past, the audience has been predominantly faculty and staff, rather than students and she would like to change that this year. "We really want students to have a way to interact with faculty in a really unique and informal way off campus," Sornberger said.

The price of tickets for students is $5. Non student tickets cost $20 in advance and $25 at the door. They can be purchased from Lou Ann Rumsey, the Belknap Hall building secretary.

"We've had more people come every time and we've raised more money every time," Sornberger said. "For five bucks, it's a lot better than you can get anywhere else."



Campus Events Calendar

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Feb. 21 - 8 p.m. - 1776 - Straughn Theatre	22 - 8 p.m. - 1776 - Straughn Theatre	23 - 8 p.m. - 1776 - Straughn Theatre	24 - 2 p.m. - 1776 - Straughn Theatre	25	26 - 4 - 5:30 p.m. - University Lecture Series Event - the Road to Radisson: Nationalism, Sovereignty and Political Ecology in Northern Quebec - 8 - 10 p.m. - MAC Movie Night, "American Gangster," 307 AHSC	27 - 4 - 5:30 p.m. - University Lecture Series Event - Ethical Considerations of Media Censorship - 7 p.m. - The Listening Project Film, Allen Hall Auditorium
28 - 1 - 2 p.m. - Career Series Workshop: Job Search Strategies, 314 AHSC	29 - 7:30 p.m. - Faculty Wind/Brass Chamber Music Concert	March 1 - 9 a.m. - Instrument repair workshop - 3 p.m. - Symphonic Band concert - SAO Bus Trip to Inner Harbor Baltimore and National Aquarium - MU students - $10	2 - 7 p.m. - Dr. Joseph Murphy, Dr. Matthew Slotkin and Dr. Nancy Boston, Faculty Saxophone/ Guitar/Piano Recital	3	4	5

What in the World? News in a flash by Laura and Becca

U.S. Navy to shoot down satellite

By LAURA HALL
Flashlight News Co-Editor

The U.S. Navy is going to shoot down a 5,000 lb. spy satellite that malfunctioned and is falling toward Earth.

The Navy hopes to shoot down the spy satellite on Thursday, Feb. 21, as it enters the atmosphere. The plan is to have the missile hit the edge of the atmosphere to ensure that debris re-enters and quickly burns up.

The satellite malfunctioned soon after it was launched in 2006, leaving it with a full tank of fuel. If left alone the satellite could fall to Earth and dispense deadly fumes over an area the size of two football fields.

The satellite will be shot down using a missile from an Aegis cruiser.

The Missile Defense Agency said that it will cost $40 - $60 million to shoot down the satellite.

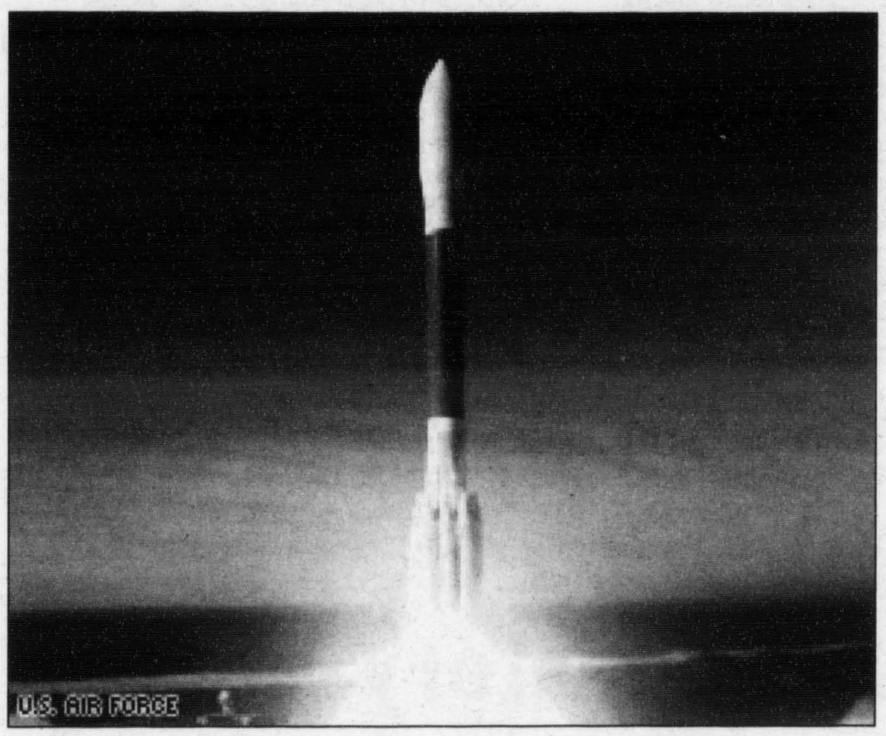


PHOTO COURTESY OF CNN.COM
A Delta II rocket that took off in December that was carrying the spy satellite.



Blu-ray wins the format battle

By LAURA HALL
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Toshiba has ended the HD DVD and Blu-ray battle.



PHOTO COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES
Toshiba has decided to stop manufacturing HD DVDs, ending the HD DVD / Blu-ray format battle.

As of Tuesday the company will no longer manufacture, develop, or market HD DVDs, but will still provide customer service for all existing HD DVD products.

Atsutoshi Nishida is Toshiba's President and Chief Executive.

"We assessed the long-term impact of continuing the so-called 'next-generation' format war and concluded that a swift decision will best help the market develop," Nishida said.

Ending the HD DVD business will help consumers know which products to buy, but it will also disappoint around one million people who have already purchased HD DVD players and movies.

Blu-ray's success is complex, involving marketing, management maneuvers and many other things that came into play during the 2007 holiday shopping season.

Carl Gressum is a senior analyst at Ovum, a London technology agency.

"Toshiba has lost the battle because it lacks a retail presence in many markets," Gressum said. "They didn't manage to bring on board some of the China vendors, they didn't bring the retailers, they've failed to develop in the European and Asian markets."

Koya Tabata is an electronics analyst at Credit Suisse in Tokyo. "This will be good news for the next generation DVD industry in clearing up the confusion for consumers because of the format competition that had curbed buying," Tabata said.

Toshiba may have given up the battle because many motion picture production companies and major retailers have agreed to only use and sell Blu-ray discs and hardware. Warner Brothers Entertainment, Sony Pictures, Walt Disney, MGM and Twentieth Century Fox have all decided to only release movies in the Blu-ray format. Wal-Mart, Target Corp., Blockbuster and Netflix will only carry Blu-ray DVDs and hardware. Dell, Panasonic and Phillips also support Blu-ray.

HD DVD is supported by Paramount, Universal Pictures, Microsoft, Sanyo and NEC, all of whom Toshiba will continue to work with on future projects.

Kazuharu Miura is an analyst at Daiwa Institute of Research in Tokyo.

"The final hold for HD DVD may come in personal computers, if Microsoft decides to continue to push HD DVD," Miura said. "But once the balance tilts in favor of one format, the domination tends to become final."

Toshiba will continue to market standard DVD players and recorders, but is expected to focus its resources on other aspects of its business, specifically computer chip production. Reportedly the company plans to invest $16.7 billion into two computer chip production plants in April, 2008.

Interested in giving up some of your Spring Break? Join Campus Ministries as we work with Seed of Hope in Tioga County from Wednesday at 5 p.m. to Sunday at 10 a.m. and still have a week of Spring Break to do what you want. For more information contact Deb or Courtney at ext. 4432 or ext. 4431 or email chull@mansfield.edu. There are a maximum of 10 people who can participate, so contact them soon!

Domestic violence is physical, mental, economic, and/or sexual abuse. Domestic violence can be found in all types of relationships, including same sex relationships. Victims of domestic violence stay because they fear their abusers. Quite often, they have nowhere to go, no money and no support. No matter what your situation is or where you are calling from, help and support is available.
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ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

You're feeling especially creative now and should find that people respond well to your far-out ideas and suggestions. It's a good time to get to work on big projects, especially with groups.

TAURUS
APRIL 20 - MAY 20

It's all too easy to get preachy today, especially with family members -- so do your best to hear them out and speak respectfully. If you must tell them how it is, be sure to give them time to respond.

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Your brainpower is pulsing today and should make just about any intellectual pursuit more rewarding. You may be able to interest children in something that ordinarily would turn them off.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22

You may not always act on impulse, but today practically demands it! You find yourself trying new things and moving in new directions on a whim and enjoying almost every minute of it!

LEO
JULY 21 - AUGUST 22

You may spot a celebrity -- or imagine that you do. The thrill might last longer than usual and it's a good time to use that positive energy to create some buzz about your own life and accomplishments.

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Are you double-booked -- or worse? You may need to back out of a few obligations, so start early and try to pare things back to the bare minimum. Unexpected interruptions could come at any time.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Send a friend a card or email for no special reason -- it's just one of those days that is perfect for letting people know how you feel about them. You may get something sweet in return.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

If you are at work today, you should expect to have to deal with more trouble than usual from upstairs -- or maybe from a hard-to-please client. At home, things are a little better, but you still could be touchy.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Something small turns into something big before your eyes today and you can't believe how fortunate you are! Enjoy the buzz, because this upgrade should mean a lot to you in future days.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

You're not sure you should really believe what's going on today -- it seems as if everything goes wrong, at first. The good news is that it's all manageable, as long as you can keep a clear head.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

You and a friend or family member need to end an argument today, even if it ends in a compromise that neither of you are all that happy with. If it goes on much longer, there could be problems ahead.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

You may be feeling a bit under the weather -- but it shouldn't be anything to worry about. Of course, if it lasts, you should see a professional, but every now and then your body just needs to adjust.

The Book Nook:

Pride and Prejudice

By CARRIE GOODYEAR
Features Editor

Pride and Prejudice is by far one of my favorite novels.

The plot and character development are very complex.

The book centers around the Bennet family, Mr. Bennet, Mrs. Bennet, Jane, Elizabeth, Mary, Kitty (or Katherine), and Lydia Bennet.



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Elizabeth Bennet is the heroine of the novel.

All five of the girls must attempt to marry well because during that time, a majority of women did not own land. If their father passed away, their home would be entailed away from their family.

Not five miles away from Longbourne estate, the Bennet's family home, is a house named Netherfield. Netherfield is owned by Mr. Bingley.

Mr. Bingley brings with him his sisters, Miss Bingley and Mrs. Hurst and also his best friend, Mr. Darcy.

When Bingley and Darcy make the acquaintance of the Bennet girls, it is during a dance.

Bingley and Jane hit it off from the start, however Darcy and Elizabeth do not. In fact Darcy refers to Elizabeth's beauty as 'tolerable'.

During the novel the reader is also introduced to Col. George Wickham, Charlotte Lucas and Mr. Collins. Wickham is an officer in the British army, Lucas is Elizabeth's best friend and Collins is a cousin to the Bennet family.

Well, Elizabeth ends up enjoying the company of Wickham, however Mr. Darcy is the one who proposes to her. She refuses his proposal, but then Wickham elopes with her youngest sister Lydia.

To find out what happens, check out Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen.

This day in history

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In a highly controversial vote on February 20, 1985, the Irish government defied the powerful Catholic Church and approves the sale of contraceptives.

Up until 1979, Irish law prohibited the importation and sale of contraceptives. In a 1973 case, McGee v. The Attorney General, the Irish Supreme Court found that a constitutional right to marital privacy covered the use of contraceptives. Pressured by strong conservative forces in Irish society, particularly the Roman Catholic Church, the government was slow to change the law to reflect the court's decision, and a number of proposed bills failed before reaching the books.

On February 20, 1985, a coalition of the Fine Gael and Labour parties led by Dr. Garret FitzGerald defeated the opposition of the conservative Fianna Fail party by an 83-80 vote. The new legislation made non-medical contraceptives (condoms and spermicides) available without prescriptions to people over 18 at pharmacies; it also allowed for the distribution of these contraceptives at doctors' offices, hospitals and family planning clinics. Though it was still illegal to advertise contraceptives and use of the birth control pill remained restricted, the vote marked a major turning point in Irish history--the first-ever defeat of the Catholic Church in a head-to-head battle with the government on social legislation.

Miracle juice: Can it cure cancer?

By NANCY EDWARDS
Flashlight Writer

XanGo is a brand of fruit juice that costs nearly $40 a bottle but claims to have "curative powers."

A marketing company has built its business based on mangosteen juice. The makers of this juice boast that it provides numerous health benefits. They claim this juice can improve joint function, has strong antioxidant power and the ability to boost the immune system. Some consumers claim this juice helps with allergies, headaches and other minor aches and pains.



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The makers of XanGo juice claim their product can fight off disease and cancer.

This super juice comes with a steep price though, $ 37.50 per bottle.

XanGo executive Joseph Morton said he first stumbled across mangosteen, a tropical fruit with medicinal powers, when he was on a business trip in Malaysia. He explains how he saw a delicate white fruit wrapped in a red shell on a dessert menu.

There are many skeptics of this "super juice" that believe if something seems too good to be true, then that usually means it is. XanGo has yet to prove any of the health benefits it claims to offer. A test arranged by the Associated Press found that its antioxidant power is about the same as other fruit juices.

Wayne Askew, a director of the Division of Nutrition of the University of Utah's College of Health, is concerned with the lack of evidence. "My big concern with XanGo is that the business has gone a long way without showing any benefit in human trials," Askew said.

Mike Pugh, XanGo's research and development manager, insists mangosteen has a lot to offer. He described it as a rich cocktail of beneficial chemicals. "You have a fruit that's very complicated, with a lot of chemicals in it," Pugh said.

Pugh disagrees with the scientific debates sparked by the mangosteen juice critics. "If mangosteen makes people feel better, it must do some good," Pugh said.

XanGo has been warned by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for printing false information about mangosteen's ability to fight off disease or cancer. The company insists those claims were printed by a third party and they are not responsible for it. XanGo executives believe the case is closed since they haven't heard from the FDA since receiving the warning letter.

The FDA's assistant district director in Denver, Paul Teitell, said the case isn't settled. The FDA can stop production of the juice and the company from doing business and even prosecute.

Even though the health benefits from this juice are not yet proven, XanGo juice still sells. The private company doesn't reveal financial statements, but said it's sold $1 billion worth of juice since its launch five years ago.

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Writer's Guild of America strike has ended

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

After three months the Writers Guild of America (WGA) strike is now over.

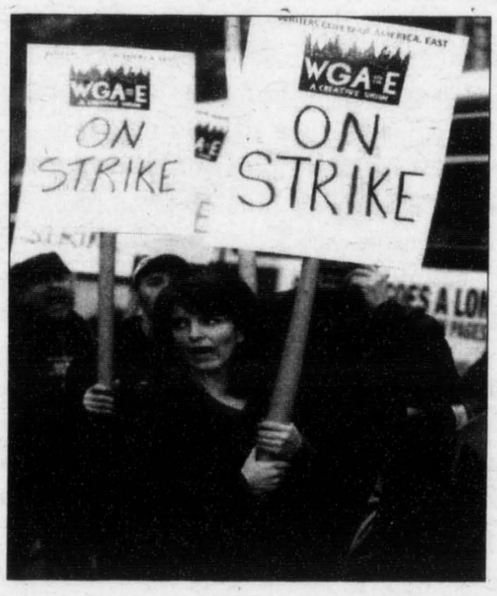
The strike was against the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers (AMPTP), a trade organization representing 397 American film and television producers.

Every three years the Writers Guild negotiates a new basic contract with the AMPTP by which its members are employed. In 2007, negotiations over the contract reached a stalemate and the WGA membership voted to give its board authorization to call a strike, which it did.

The key issues of conflict included DVD residuals, union jurisdiction over animation and reality program writers, and compensation for new media (content written for or distributed through digital technology such as the Internet).

Patric Verrone is a WGA West leader. "This was not a strike we wanted, but one we had to conduct in order to win jurisdiction and establish appropriate residuals for writing in new media and on the Internet," Verrone said. "Rather than being shut out of the future of content creation and delivery, writers will lead the way as TV migrates to the Internet and platforms for new media are developed. Those advances now give us a foothold in the digital age."

The strike began on Nov. 5, 2007, and ended on Feb. 12, 2008. It lasted 100 days total. Negotiators for the striking writers reached a tentative agreement on Feb. 8, 2008, and the boards of both guilds unanimously approved the deal on Feb. 10, 2008. Striking writers voted on Feb. 12, 2008, on whether to lift the restraining order with 92.5 percent voting to end the strike. The writers will vote again later in February on whether to accept the new agreement itself.



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Have no fear, the WGA strike is over and shows will return as normal.

This writers strike has been one of the longest and most damaging in the entertainment industries history with losses estimated at two billion dollars, according to the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC). According to LAEDC figures, the strike cost an estimated $733 million in lost film and television production spending. An estimated $1.3 billion was also lost by companies such as caterers, hotels and limousine rental firms that rely heavily on the entertainment industry for business.

The CEO's of eight major production companies involved in the strike wrote out an announcement that said, "This is a day of relief and optimism for everyone in the entertainment industry. We can now all get back to work, with the assurance that we have concluded two groundbreaking labor agreements - with our directors and our writers -- that establish a partnership through which our business can grow and prosper in the new digital age. The strike has been extraordinarily difficult for all of us, but the hardest hit of all have been the many thousands of businesses, workers and families that are economically dependent on our industry. We hope now to focus our collective efforts on what this industry does best - writers, directors, actors, production crews, and entertainment companies working together to deliver great content to our worldwide audiences."

Viewers can expect new episodes of some of their favorite shows to start coming out mid-March to early April.

Sitcoms will take about six weeks to get back on the air and dramas about eight weeks.

A new galaxy and galaxy cluster may shed some light on the dark ages and big bang theory

By JILL KAUFFMAN
Flashlight Writer

There have been some new developments in the scientific community this past week.

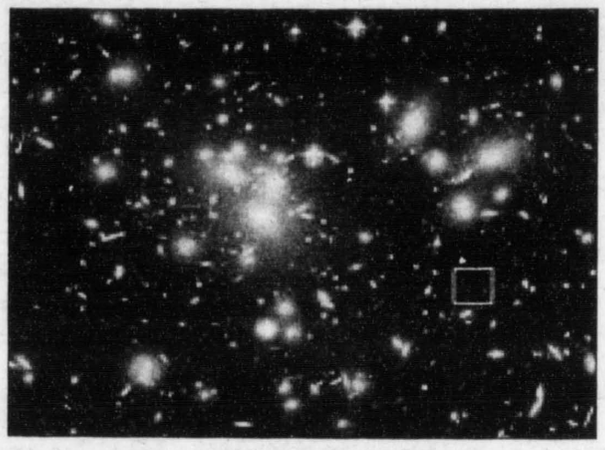
Scientists have discovered a galaxy that may be the most distant galaxy ever seen. Scientists have also learned about how the landings of the Apollo Lunar Modules were actually violent events.

The galaxy is about 13 billion light years away. Piero Rosati, an astronomer who helped discover the galaxy, said that it may be the most distant galaxy ever seen.

The light from the galaxy took light years to reach Earth, so the picture of the galaxy shows how it looked 13 billion years ago. The galaxy has been named A1689-zD1 and was probably created approximately 700 million years after the "Big Bang" that some people believe created Earth.

Garth Illingworth from the University of California, Santa Cruz was on the team that discovered the galaxy. "This is the most detailed look to date at an object so far back in time," Illingworth said.

There is a galaxy cluster called Abell 1689 that lies between Earth and the newly discovered galaxy. Abell 1689 is about 2.2 billion light years away and helped scientists discover A1689-zD1 because the gravity of Abell 1689 bends light that passes near it. This causes an effect similar to a magnifying glass, making it possible for scientists to see A1689-zD1 using the Hubble telescope.



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The new galaxy was created about 700 million years after the 'Big Bang.'

This galaxy may have helped the universe out of the "dark ages." The dark ages are when the universe expanded, cooled and formed clouds of hydrogen. Matter then began to clump into galaxies which radiated light and heated up the universe. This new galaxy may have been one of the first to form.

In news closer to home, research has shown that the touchdown on the moon of the six Apollo Lunar Modules were violent events. The landings took place from 1969 to 1972. Particles from the moon were blasted from the surface as the modules touched the surface.

Philip Metzger is an employee at NASA's Kennedy Space Center. "Depending on the actual velocity they may have gone halfway around the moon or more. In most cases they would only travel until they hit a natural terrain feature, such as a crater rim or a mountain range," Metzger said.

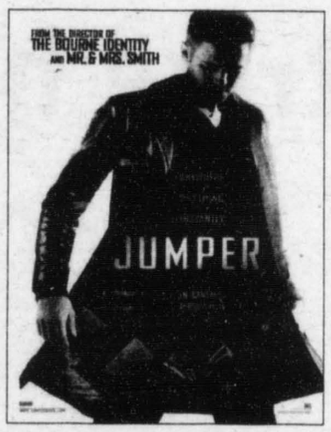
The particles could have traveled as fast as 5,400 mph. The Lunar Module gases were also strong enough to move rocks up to six inches in size. However, it is the fine particles that have a more damaging impact. Surveyor 3, a camera that was 600 feet away from the Apollo 12 Lunar Module, was damaged by the lunar particles. "There were what looked liked permanent shadows cast into the Surveyor. Cosmic radiation in the lunar environment had darkened the surface of the Surveyor and then the spray of fine dust from the Apollo 12 LM removed that darkening wherever the spray could reach," Metzger said.

These new developments will lead to more research. Astronomers will continue to study the newly found galaxy, while other scientists will work to make space equipment more durable and able to stand the violent spray of lunar particles.

'Jumper' jumps into the number one slot at the box office

By KATE KEOUGH
Flashlight Writer

The last time we saw Hayden Christensen and Samuel L. Jackson together was three years ago in the third episode of the Star Wars saga, which, unless you've been hiding in a cave underneath ground without some form of communication on a distant planet, outside our solar system, in another galaxy far far away, then you would obviously be aware of the success these two actors have had together.



GOOGLE IMAGES
Jumper lept to number one in the box office this week.

So how did their reunion tour start off? *Jumper* jumped ahead of its competition into the number one spot in the box office, taking in roughly $34 million in its five day weekend debut.

What exactly is *Jumper* about, other than being based on a novel written by Steven Gould in 1992? *Jumper* is the story of a boy named David Rice, played by Hayden Christensen, who lives alone with his seemingly abusive, but later on in the movie, caring father. He hasn't known his mother since he was five because she left her family and lives a life bullied by the local school prankster.

David discovers his ability to transport, a genetic anomaly, when his life is in danger and he uses his new found ability to save his life from the life he is currently living. He eventually lives the "American Dream," which defined in today's terms, includes "deceit" and "thievery".

David eventually finds out he isn't the only "Jumper" and is actually involved in a war with those who possess the power and those who have sworn to kill them, called "Paladins." David befriends Griffen, another "Jumper," and together, they team up to create a super hero-like tandem to take out Roland, played by Samuel L. Jackson, and other Paladins.

The movie leaves you wanting more because you know there are questions that have to be answered. The movie was directed by Doug Liman, who helmed the *Bourne* series, and yes, *Jumper* has the same "hands-on" camera action sequences that make this movie very enjoyable for an "action seeker." Hayden Christensen delivers the same performance he has in many of his works; that is, you either love him, or to be nice, you simply "mind him."

Samuel L. Jackson has a strong performance as usual. Surprisingly, the "breakthrough" performance wasn't from Rachel Bilson, Hayden Christensen's on-screen (and rumored off-screen) love interest, but from Jamie Bell, who played fellow "Jumper" Griffin. He delivered a very charismatic performance and delivered energy and humor when needed.

Overall, *Jumper* may have surpassed the reviews many critics gave it in the beginning by making enough money to "start" sequel talks, but in the end it'll be up to how many tickets are sold, how many DVD's are rented and how many movies between now and then Hayden Christensen can capitalize a role in.

Jumper definitely didn't capitalize itself; it could have been a little longer, and much better at telling the story of a "new" superhero. I recommend this movie for anyone who wants to see something "fresh." It's definitely worth your money.

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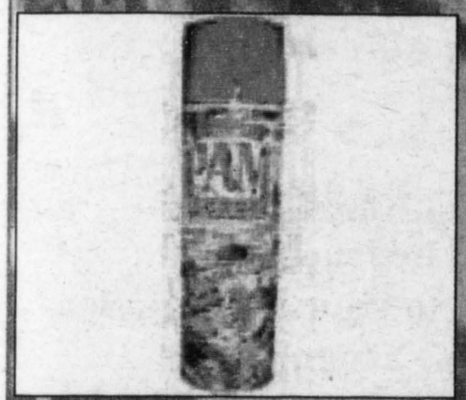
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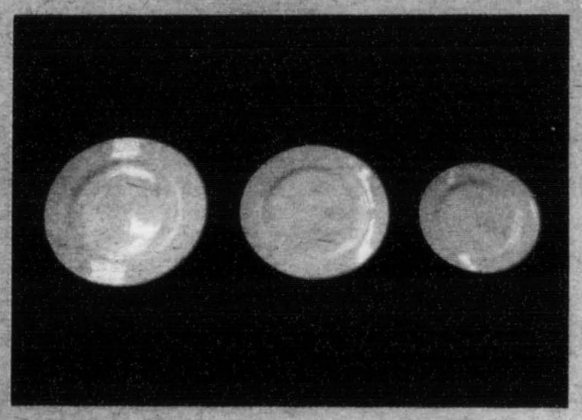
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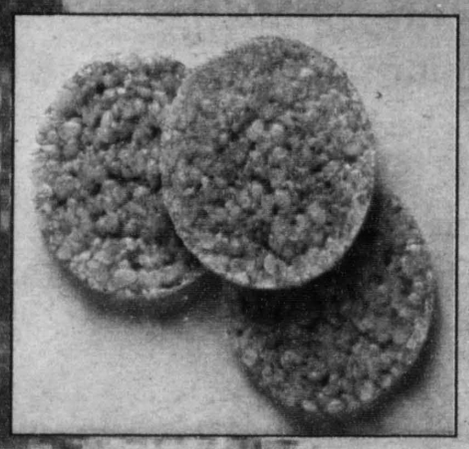
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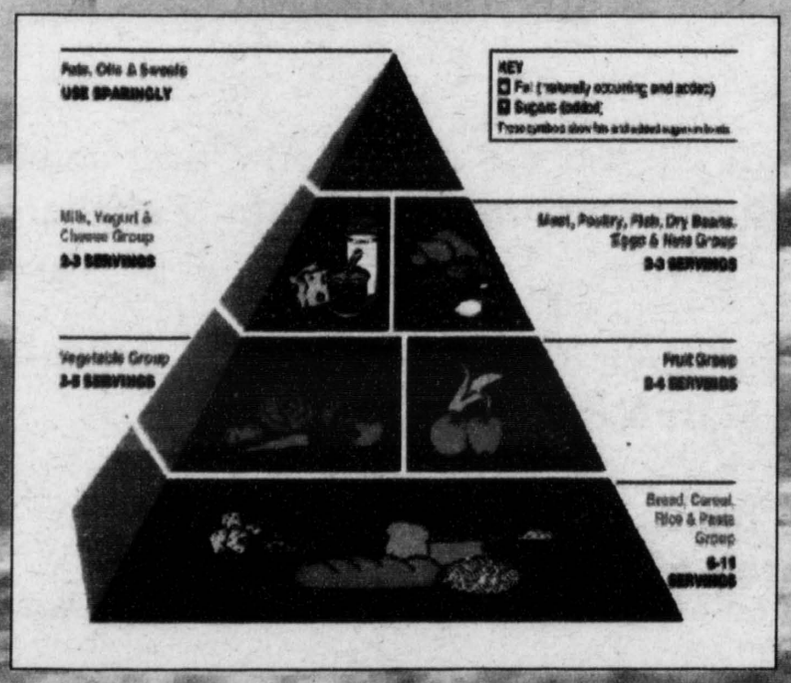
Spray cooking pans with a spray instead of using butter



Use smaller dishes to make your plate look fuller. For example, in Manser instead of using the large dinner plates, select the small salad plates instead.



Instead of reaching for the chips when you are hungry for a snack in the dorms, substitute flavored rice cakes.



Don't neglect any of the food groups. For example, if you cut out the carbohydrate section (breads, pasta, rice and cereal) your energy will take a dive.

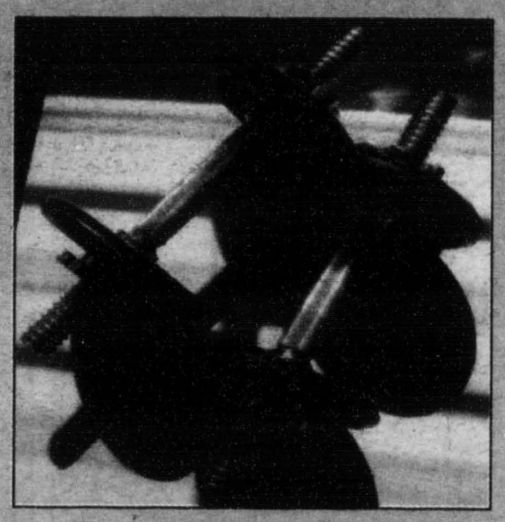
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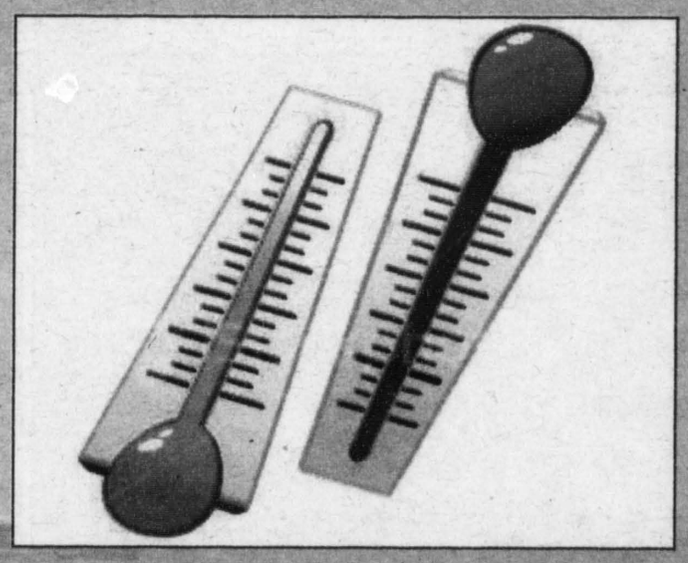
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Here's a suggestion for varying your weight training exercises:
Monday: Chest and Back Weight Training for 20 minutes
Tuesday: Shoulder Strength Exercise for 20 minutes
Wednesday: Abs Weight Training for 20 minutes
Thursday: Biceps and Triceps Strength Training for 20 minutes
Friday: Grab Bag/Wild Card for 20 min.
Saturday: Hip and Thigh Weight Training for 20 minutes
Sunday: Chest and Shoulder Strength Training for 20 minutes

Don't forget to warm up and cool down. Injuries can be sustained by those who forget



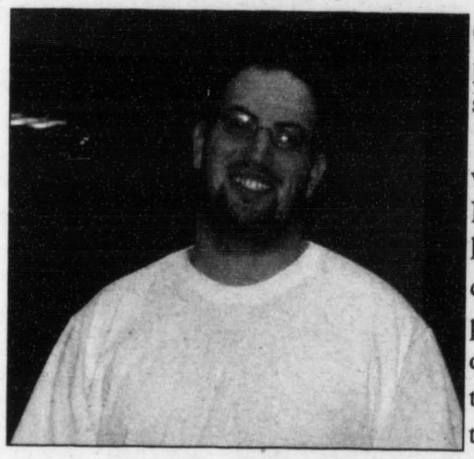


If you want to get a decent aerobic workout routine going, do aerobic exercise at least three times a week. During your aerobic workouts, try to keep your heart rate between 60-80 percent of maximum for at least twenty minutes. This will improve your cardiovascular fitness.

Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

Tragedy strikes another college



On Friday I opened up the internet and the first thing I saw was a shooting at Northern Illinois University.

I was reading the newspaper the other day and the reporter asked several students from Mansfield about the shooting at Northern Illinois. The consensus was that it was a tragedy, but it wasn't a shock to anybody.

It used to be when a tragedy like this occurred there was an out roar of cries from the public of "how could something like this happen." Now it seems like it's just shrugged off.

Colleges are thinking of ways to prevent things like the Northern Illinois tragedy from happening but individuals keep coming up with ways to accomplish what they are setting out to do. I don't know if there is anything that colleges can do to stop this from happening.

The ideas lawmakers and educators are thinking of have good aspects, but right now any system that we have in place to protect the students is not completely doing the job.

Maybe in time someone will find the perfect system and occurrences like this will be infrequent.

But right now, this doesn't appear to be happening any time soon.

What do you think about the shooting at Northern Illinois.

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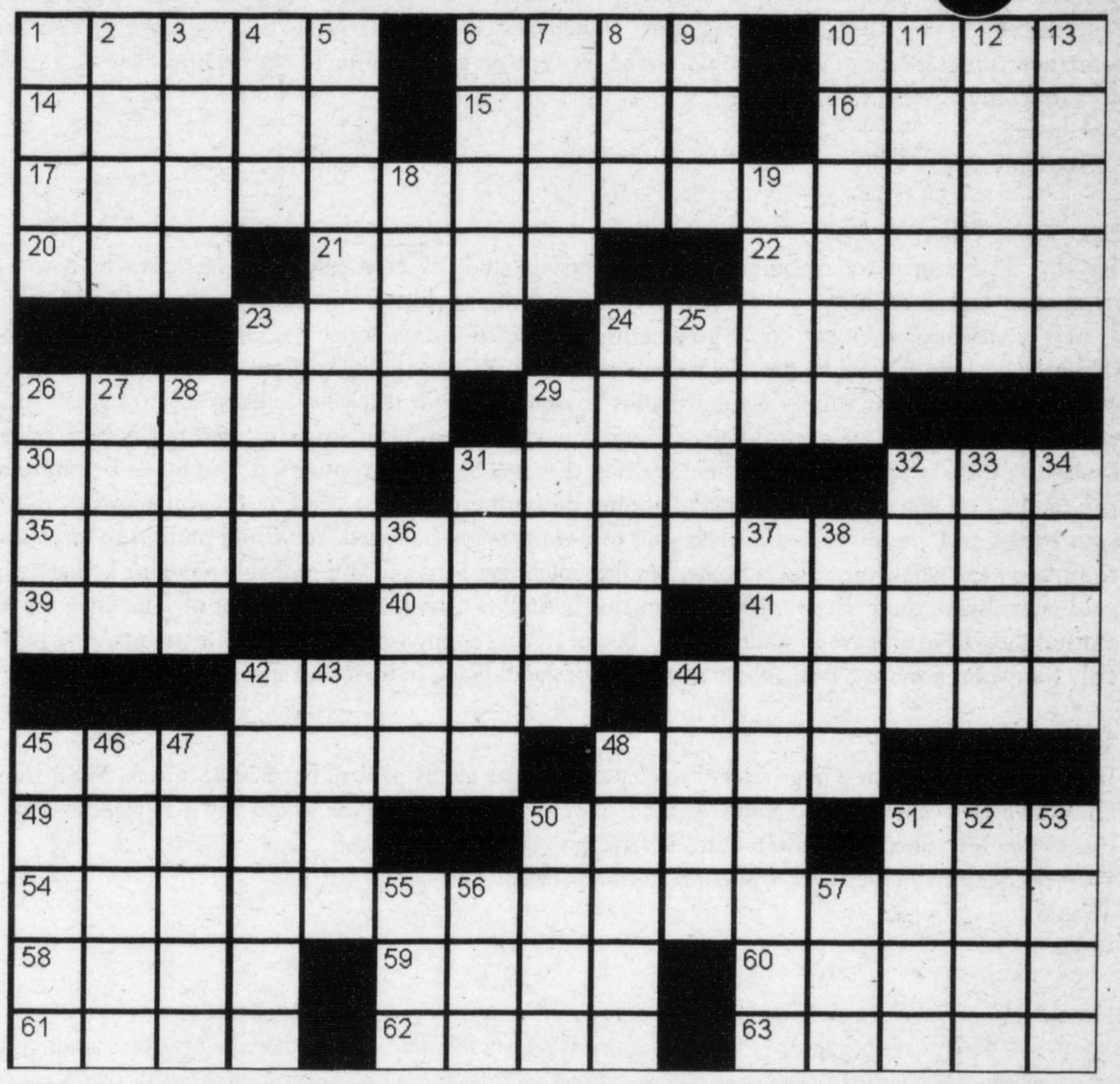
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Flashlight Puzzle Page



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1. Concluding passages in music
6. "_____ Misbehavin"
10. Pouches
14. Turn away
15. Land with peat bogs
16. Russian mountain range
17. Where Amelia Earhart is said to have disappeared
20. Students in their last year of school
21. Civil Rights activist Parks
22. Collapse
23. Selves
24. Silliest
26. Most pink
29. Smallest amount
30. Preface
31. Submerge
32. Baseball need
35. Song from Disney's The Jungle Book
39. Very fast airplane (abbr.)
40. First-class
41. Hooded snake
42. Nuisances
44. Device that responds to a stimulus
45. Bets
48. Foot cover
49. Notions
50. Cowboy boot accessory
51. Meadow
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61. Relax
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7. Ninth Greek letter
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9. Three prefix
10. Illuminated
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12. Composes
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50. Catch quickly
51. Hawaiian feast
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53. Warhol or Griffith
55. Lyrical poem
56. Nourished
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Talk to Tarreto



Dear Talk to Tarreto,
Coming to college is supposed to be about experiencing new things. However, back where I come from, new experiences and new ideas are frowned upon. Nonetheless, since my arrival here at Mansfield, I have been trying some new things. Some of which would not be very acceptable according to my parents. How do I explain to my family my new beliefs about life?
Sincerely,
You're Only Young Once

Dear Young Once,

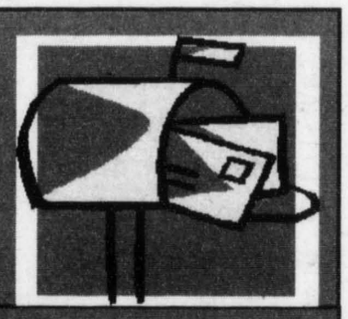
This is an all too common problem for college students, especially underclassmen who have a greater reliance on their parents and are doing quite a bit of changing. First let me congratulate you on being open to new experiences and ideas! You're getting the most out of your college experience so don't feel bad about changing (as long as you like the new you of course). You're never going to please everyone. If you forced yourself to stay the way you were you wouldn't be happy but now that you've changed you're afraid your family won't be happy. There are a few different things you could try and you, knowing your family best, are going to have to be the one to decide which line of action they will be most receptive too. You might be surprised and if you let the new you show, your family might not be as un-excepting as you fear. Or you might try to just pick your battles and bite your tongue when your new views might be tested. You could pretend to be your old self completely the whole time you're home, but that might get hard and you probably wouldn't be happy. Basically, gradual is always good. This summer you might try finding a job that occupies a lot of your time, the less you're around the less you'll have to walk that fine line of staying happy while pleasing your parents. And remember, in only four short years you'll be able to move out for good! Hang in there and stay true to who you are!

Tarreto-
I lent a friend of a mine a large sum of money and she has finally paid all but $20 of it back. What should I do? Should I even bother? I could really use the money and she promised she would pay it all back but I'm not sure if she's just lost track or forgotten of if she's trying to get a free 20 bucks.
How do I get my money back while still staying friends?
Thanks,
Broke

Dear Broke,

Money always causes problems! I know what my friends and I do. If there is an outstanding debt one of us will gently mention it at a time when we're all getting dinner or buying something and we'll say something like, "Hey, you still owe me (however much money), do you think you could pay for this and then we can call it even?" That's kind of the standard way for us so I'm not sure if it will work as well, but it's worth a shot. It seems to be good because it's a very non-attacking, agreeable way to ask for your money back. If these types of situations rarely come up or you don't think it would go over well you might try just plainly saying that you're pretty sure she still owes you some money and you don't want to pressure her but you could really use it now if she has it. Just try to be really gentle and non-aggressive about it, whatever you say. I will say that hinting almost never works and passive-aggressive behavior usually only results in both parties getting more and more worked up. Be straightforward but nice and chances are she will respond similarly. Good luck!

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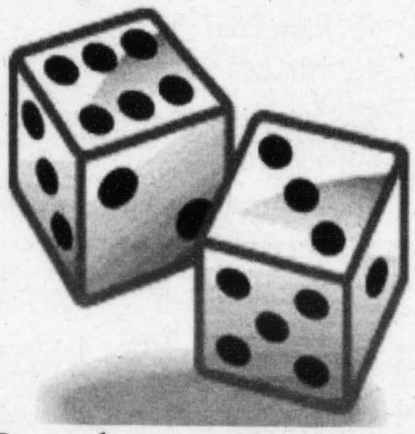
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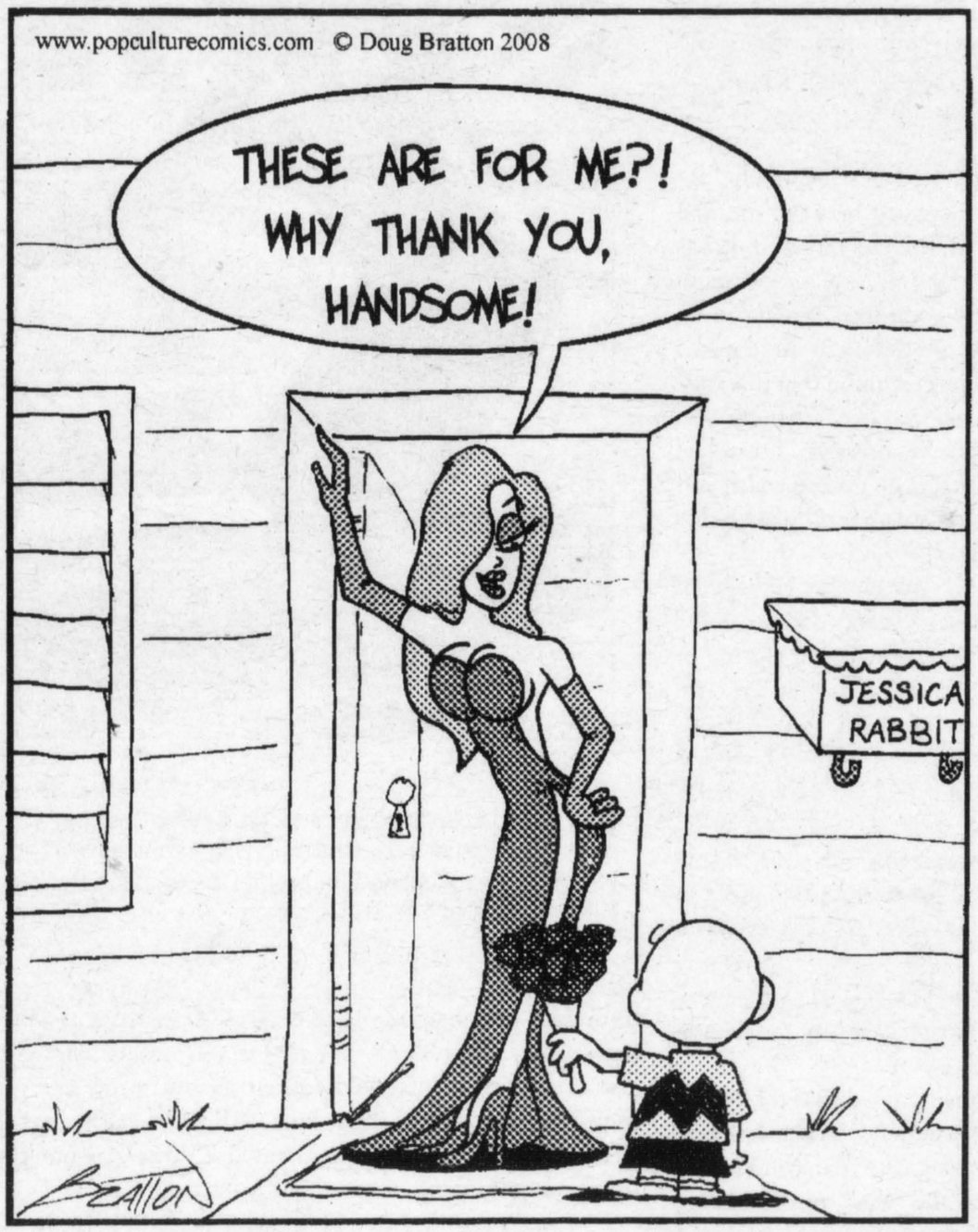


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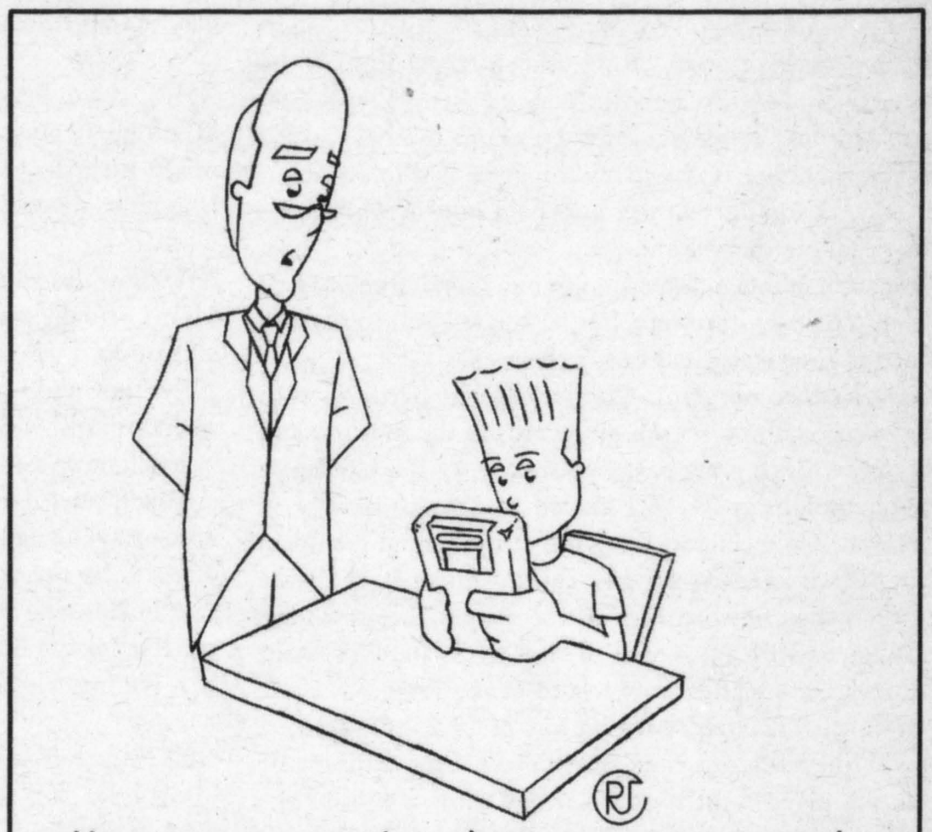
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Flashlight Comics

The newest comic from student cartoonist Randy Atwood



Charlie Brown decided to take a shot at a big red-haired woman instead of a little red-haired girl.



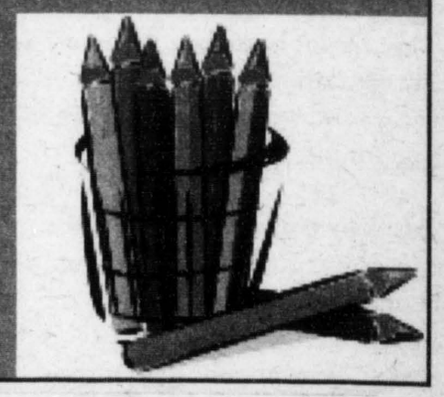
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On the Sidelines with Mike Gray: Proving people wrong

By NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

"He makes me look good," Rohl said. Michael Rohl is the head coach of the cross country and men's track and field team at Mansfield University. After the team's meet at Cornell University, that's one of the many things he had to say about Mike Gray, a prominent track and field athlete who's been making headlines this season.

"He adds so much dimension to our team," Rohl said. "I know how to coach throwers, but let me tell you something – I'm not as good a coach as he is a thrower."

Gray, a sophomore from Elmira, NY who participates in the throws and jumps, set school records in the shot put and weight throw during his past two meets. At the Collegiate Track Championship (CTC) hosted at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, Gray broke the school record in the shot put with a toss of 50-5 ½, earning him a second place finish. Gray also finished fifth in the weight throw, during the CTC meet, with a toss of 42-6 ¾. A week later Gray went on to break the weight throw record at the Robert F. Kane meet at Cornell University with a toss of 48-2, giving him a fifth place finish. During the Cornell meet, Gray additionally took second place in the shot put with a throw of 48-11 ½.

A former forward for Mansfield University's men's basketball team and competitor in last year's American Collegiate Intramural Sports (ACIS) Old Spice slam dunk contest, Gray decided to stick with track and field because he simply felt he was "more talented at track than he was at basketball."

I met with Gray in the lobby of Maple Manor. Getting back from practice, I thought he'd be tired or worn down – but Gray was just the opposite. Full of interesting stories and continuously making me laugh throughout our meeting, I was thankful that he made the time to do this interview. I came to realize how self-motivated and determined he was as he told me about just missing out at nationals last year and how all the doubt and little things push him to do so well in the sport.

Nicole Hagan: How long have you been participating in track and field?
Mike Gray: I started in eighth grade – so that's about seven years.

NH: I know you played basketball for the men's team here at Mansfield. Did you play any other sports growing up?
MG: I did football in high school my senior year and I also played for two years when I was a little kid. Aside from that, I wrestled for three years.

NH: Why did you decide to stick with track and field and not continue with wrestling or football? Additionally, why did you choose to quit the basketball team?
MG: In wrestling, my coach and I had problems seeing eye-to-eye. As for basketball, I was just more talented at track than I was at basketball. I sat down and talked with some of my coaches and we came to the decision that this was the best way to go for me.

NH: Why did you decide to come to Mansfield University?
MG: It was strange because, even though I was top three in the state of New York in track and field, I wasn't recruited by anybody. At the time, I didn't know if I just wasn't good enough or what. When I came to Mansfield, Coach Rohl was like "well that was dumb that nobody recruited you" and instantly knew that he wanted me to be a part of his team.

NH: Did you break any records in high school?
MG: I broke my high school's discus record which people said would never be broken. It was 33 years old when I broke it. Hopefully, my record will stand just as long.

NH: How did you first become interested in track and field?
MG: I actually started because of a contest between me and my cousin. I was in seventh grade and he was in eighth grade at the time and was running track. He was like "aw come on you're a punk" and stuff [laughs] and I was like "If you can do it, I definitely can do it" [laughs] so that's how it all began. I originally started out running – but soon realized that this stuff wasn't easy [I laugh]. One day my coach was like "anybody who wants to try throwing, go with Coach Woodward." I watched a lot of kids who weren't the best runners go over to coach so I was like "okay I'll try that" [laughs]. It was basically me being lazy, but it turned into something good.

NH: How do you train during the season to stay competitive?
MG: I do lots of lifting and unbelievable amounts of throwing reps. I threw about 80 times today at practice before I came here.

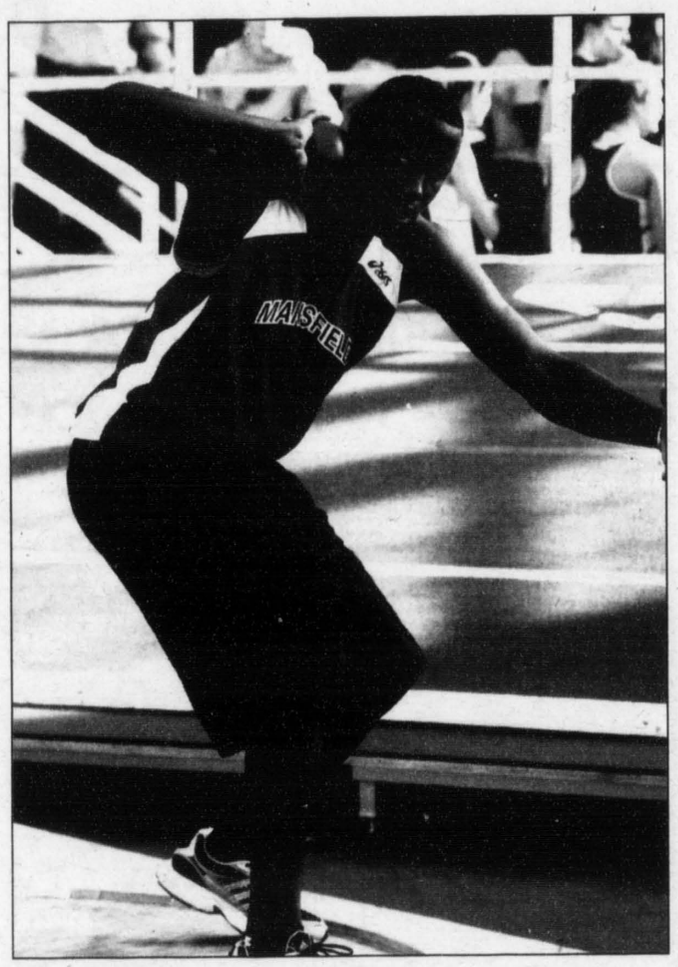
NH: How do you think the track and field team has done so far this season?
MG: I think we're doing good considering the team nearly doubled this year with freshmen. To go to the CTC meet in Connecticut and go against good Division III schools was a good experience for them.

NH: So far, what has been your most rewarding experience through college track and field?
MG: I would have to say breaking the school discus record last year would be my most rewarding experience so far. It wasn't because of the recognition or anything like that comes with breaking a record – it goes back to the whole me not being recruited thing. I was throwing against Division I kids and watching the faces of Division I coaches who were like "where did this kid come from?" It was amazing. It was rewarding because all the people who doubted me and all the coaches who never recruited me got to see what I could actually do.

NH: What has been your most difficult task to overcome through college track and field?
MG: Leaving the basketball team this year for track was really difficult because I absolutely love the game of basketball. If I was as talented at basketball as I was at track, I'd probably be the happiest kid alive.

NH: What motivates you to participate in track and field?
MG: The doubt that people had of me is the overall thing that motivates me. In high school, it was my track coach. He ended up leaving the program for certain reasons and I ended up with a swim coach and a football coach trying to teach me in track. I just had to go on what I felt and build upon what I knew in my own way – learn on my own. It really helped me stay motivated knowing that I had to figure things by myself.

NH: Who is your biggest role model or influence and why?
MG: My biggest influence is my friend Jay Stevens. He was born with only half of one of his legs, so he has a prosthetic leg – but you'd never know it. He was always happy and always smiling. He played basketball and threw alongside me with track. While most kids with two healthy legs just sit around on the couch and watch TV, he was out there doing something.



Sports Information

Mike Gray broke the school records in the shot put at the Collegiate Track Championship meet in New Haven Connecticut and the weight throw at the Robert F. Kane meet at Cornell University.

NH: What are some of your goals for this season?
MG: I want to improve my shot put and discus mark. I also want to win the conference meet in discus and make nationals. Last year I missed that by one foot, four inches. A headline from last year read "Gray nearly misses nationals – Gray who sat in twenty-fourth place missed qualifying by thirty-nine-hundredth of a meter." That has just been festering in the bottom of my stomach all year.

NH: What are some of the team's goals for this season?
MG: We haven't really discussed our outdoor goals yet, but indoor has already accomplished one of their goals by taking home a title in both men's and women's track at the CTC meet. In conference, we're just looking for everyone to get a spot.

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'Gray'

NH: Tell me about the CTC meet in New Haven, Connecticut where you set a school record, which was actually your own record in the shot put and then tell me about breaking another school record in the weight throw at the Cornell invite. Why do you think you've been doing so well as of lately?
MG: Firstly, I didn't beat my own record – that was actually a misprint. But at the CTC meet, there's this kid from Montclair State named Eugene, who we call GT. He's a big kid, 260 pounds at least. Last year, GT and I had a really tight competition. I beat him by .03 of a meter in indoor. Then, at outdoor, he beat me by a little bit – I can't remember the number exactly. He came out again this year at the CTC meet and he's just always good competition. We're good, we don't hate each other or anything like that – we're just able to push each other, which is what happened again this year.

NH: How about the Cornell meet where you broke the school record in the weight throw?
MG: The Cornell meet was completely unexpected. I threw weight for the first time four weeks ago and only managed to throw it 30 feet. When we went to the CTC, I threw weight again and got help from a coach who was there and knew something about the weight throw. I threw 42 feet at CTC – an improvement of four feet from when I first got there. Normally, an athlete will get a freak jump of four to five feet at some point in their career and then they're like "wow that's pretty good." Four to five feet is a huge amount in the weight throw. Normally if you have that kind of jump, you're headed straight for nationals. So I was like "four feet – okay, that's a pretty good improvement – I'm happy with that." Then I go to the Cornell meet and my first throw goes 50 feet. I left the circle and was like "holy crap." I settled down, walked back into the circle and my next throw was a record-breaking throw of 48-02.

NH: What's your major?
MG: I'm currently undecided.

NH: What are your plans for after graduation?
MG: I'm 99 percent sure that I want to coach.

NH: What would you want to coach? Track?
MG: Most likely track. My second option would be basketball. I've already had a few discussions with people around hear about coaching.

NH: At what age level would you want to teach? College kids or high school kids or what?
MG: Definitely college kids. In high school, there's too much complaining. [Laughs] College kids know what the deal is going into it. The kids who want to be there will be there and work hard and the one's who don't – won't be there.

NH: Explain to me what it's like to be a part of the track and field team here at Mansfield University.
MG: It's an experience to say the least. It's definitely different from high school where everyone had their own little groups. Even though everyone would say hi to one another, they wouldn't really hang out with anyone outside of their group. Here, we all do stuff together. It's more of an intertwined relationship. And if you're ever in need of a laugh, we have plenty of comedians.

Mountaineer Men lose two conference games, record falls to 3-6 in PSAC East Conference

By NICOLE HAGAN AND DANELLE MILLER
Flashlight Sports Co-Editors

The Mansfield men's basketball team fell to Kutztown University and Cheyney University this past week, leaving them with a 3-6 record in the PSAC East Conference.

The men's game against number two ranked Kutztown on Wed., Feb. 13 gave the Mountaineers their second loss to the Golden Bears this season. Losing 94-91, the men were unable to come back off of their 95-92 overtime loss to Millersville.

Sophomore guard Ryan Callahan mentioned the team's mind-set going up against Kutztown.

"At the Millersville game we played hard," Callahan said. "It was one of our better efforts but we didn't execute hard enough. I think this may have affected our mentality going into the Kutztown game."

The Kutztown game started out with junior point guard Chris Greene, senior guard John Hampton, senior forward/guard Kevin Hill, senior forward Brandon Lawley and freshman forward Yuseff Carr. However, as the game progressed, nearly every individual from the Mansfield bench saw some court time.

"We needed to get stops," Hampton said. "We tried to go with more defensive line-ups, but nothing really worked. That's why we decided to play so many different guys. Kutztown played really well here and we couldn't get any stops like we hoped though."

Mansfield got the tip, but the ball was quickly turned over to the Golden Bears who scored the first basket of the night with a layup from center Jeremy Coombs. Following Coombs' layup, the Mountaineers went on a 10-0 scoring run, holding a 10-2 lead at the 16:13 mark.

Mansfield's full court press and strong defensive rebounding from Carr helped the team maintain the lead. But as Kutztown switched to a zone defense and Mansfield players were subbed in and out of the game, the Golden Bears took advantage of the Mountaineers inability to maintain an offensive rhythm.

"Kutztown kept getting layups and pushing the ball which hurt us," Callahan said.

Kutztown chipped away at the spread until they were able to tie the game 13-13 a little more than eight minutes into the half. A foul shot from Kutztown's Nate Edwards 30 seconds later switched the lead over to the Golden Bears, where it remained for the rest of the half. Mansfield went into the locker room after the first 20 minutes trailing 36-34.

Mansfield only shot 50 percent from the foul line compared to Kutztown's 68.2 percent during the first half.

"We just have to take our time and knock down free throws, including myself, because they are the difference in some games," Hampton said.

Hill put up five three-pointers during the first half, accounting for a little less than half of Mansfield's points, but it wasn't enough to compensate for the team's inability to work together in scoring. The team's lack of unity on offense during the first half was detrimental.

"Honestly, we didn't play as a team, including myself," Hampton said. "I forced some shots when I should have been more patient. I think that was the problem against Kutztown – there wasn't any team chemistry and that hurt us."

The second half began the same way the first half began, with a layup from Kutztown's Coombs. Lawley retaliated with a layup of his own, followed by two foul shots from Carr to tie the game 38-38, but the Mountaineers would not be able to achieve the same scoring run they did during the first half. Mansfield trailed by as many as 12 points at the 10:01 mark. Every time Mansfield scored a basket, Kutztown seemed to take the ball down the other end of the court and answer right back.

"We know that we needed to be more patient and get the ball down low. Unfortunately, we only did that in the first half," Callahan said.

Mansfield slowly attempted to chop down Kutztown's lead, but was ultimately unsuccessful. The closest the team got was within three points with only three seconds left in the game. The Mountaineers ended their second go-around with the Golden Bears falling 94-91.

High scorer of the night was Hill with 24 points.

Hampton expressed his disappointment concerning the team's overall play.

"There were never any highs during the Kutztown game," Hampton said. "That was a huge game for us and nobody seemed to play as if we needed that game."

Three days later, the Mountaineers lost their third consecutive game falling to Cheyney on Sat., Feb. 16. 81-59, their second largest loss of the season. Cheyney is currently ranked number one in the PSAC East Conference.

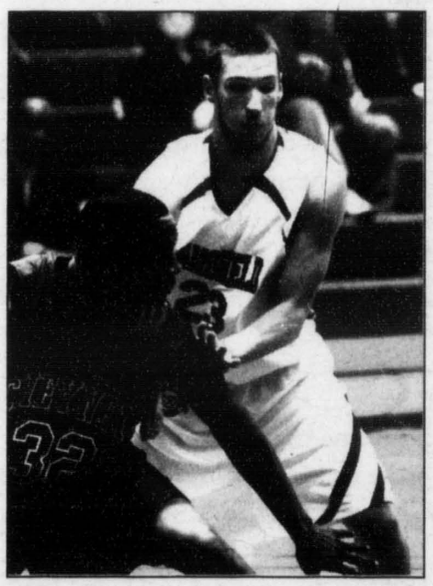
Cheyney started the game with a 19-3 scoring run, but was followed by a 9-0 scoring run from Mansfield to get the Mountaineers back within seven points at the 9:31 mark. The seven point difference was the closest the Mountaineers got throughout the entire game, however, and they trailed by 11 points after a dunk from sophomore Brandon Smith going into the second half.

Three minutes into the second half, Hill hit a three-pointer to bring Mansfield within eight points. After a three-pointer from Cheyney's Dominique Curry at the 13:55 mark and a three-pointer from Mansfield's sophomore guard Ryan Callahan at the 11:37 mark, the Wolves went on a 12-0 scoring run. The Mountaineers had their largest deficit of the game with 21 seconds left in the second half, trailing by 25 points. Mansfield lost their sixth conference game of the season 81-59.

High scorers of the game were Hill with 16 points and Lawley with 11 points and eight rebounds.

Mansfield's next game is an away game against West Chester University on Sat., Feb. 23.

"We need to beat West Chester and start playing like a team again," Hampton said. "Our biggest problems during the past two games have been our defense and our determination. We just need to get our chemistry back."



Sports Information
Kevin Hill was the high scorer in both conference games.

Mountaineer Women's Basketball loses two conference games, record 1-7 in PSAC East Conference

By CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University women's basketball team lost two games in PSAC East play on Wednesday at home against Kutztown University and on Saturday at Cheyney University.

The Mountaineers tied up the score during the Kutztown game five times in the first half, all of which started when Merissa Gaeta made a layup to tie the score at 2-2. The battle for points continued up until the end of the half when Clarissa Correll tied the score at 23-23 with two free throws. Alicia Espigh took the lead with a layup to make the score 25-23.

Kutztown's Rachel Wisemiller tied the score up with two good free throws and her team mate Katie Dovey took the lead going into the half 27-25.

"I was proud of our overall defense," head coach Ruth Hermansen. "Especially on how we kept their All-Conference center away from the ball in the paint."

Kutztown opened up the second half by taking a 11-2 run to make Kutztown's lead 38-29.

The closest Mansfield would come to making it a battle again was when the score was 42-35 after two free throws by Jeannette Meacham.

Kutztown University finished up the game with a score of 49-63.

Courtney Brooks played her second game after returning from a broken wrist. Brooks led the team in points with 12.

"It was great to see Courtney come back with offensive confidence," Hermansen said. "It was refreshing to have her ball handling and scoring back on the court. Each of our injured players has handled their adversities well."

Brooks was the only person to hit a three pointer for the Mountaineers besides freshman Tegan Atallah.

Atallah went two for two on three pointers on her way to a career best 10 points. Correll also had 10 points.

Brooks, Atallah and Meacham each had three steals apiece. Meacham lead the team with 11 rebounds.

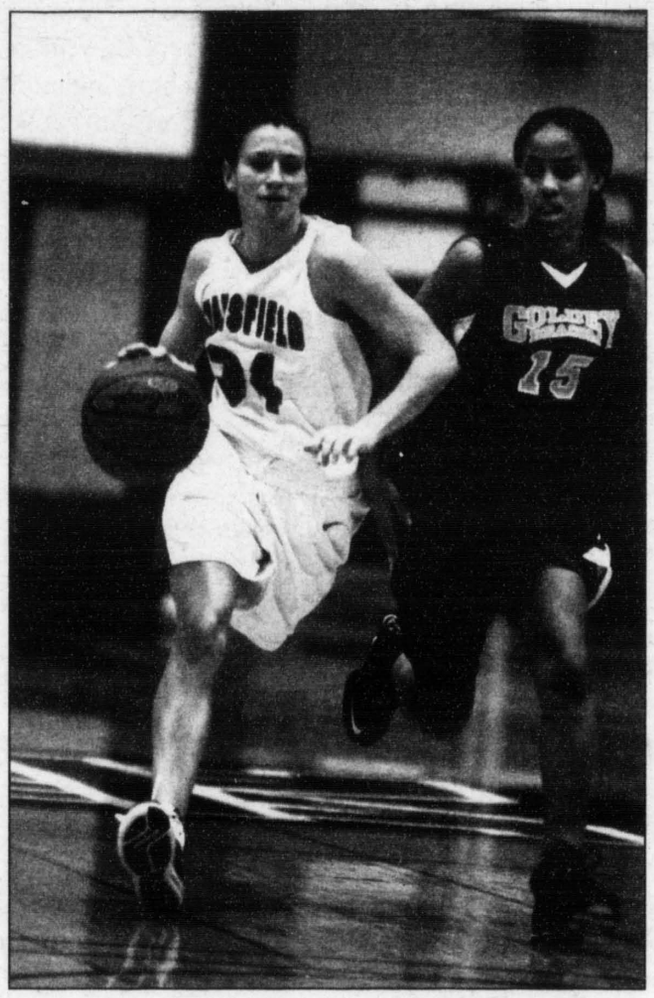
Saturday's game at Cheyney proved to be a closer game that ended with Mansfield losing by seven. Cheyney University put up a score of 65-54 to give the Wolves the win over the Mountaineers.

Near the end of the first half, Espigh tied the game with a three pointer to make the score 16-16. That was the closest Mansfield would come to taking the lead. Every time Mansfield scored any series of points, Cheyney went on a run to extend the lead.

Espigh lead the Mountaineers with 16 points while Gaeta had a career high 14 points. The pair were tied for the game and team lead in rebounds with eight. Brooks led the game in steals with six.

"Alicia is a deadly shooter that cannot be left open or she will make the opponent pay and it's always nice to get rebounding out of your guards," Hermansen said. "Merissa has come on strong late in the season in both scoring and rebounding it's definitely a credit to her hard work."

"I just came to play for that game like I do for every game and that's just how I worry about the scoreboard and if our team can pull out a win," Gaeta said. "I am always happy at how our team gives it all and we never give up."



SPORTS INFORMATION

Clarissa Correll scored 10 points against Kutztown. The women play against West Chester on Sat.

Mike Gray breaks school record in weight throw

By CALEB GROVE

Special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield Indoor Track and Field team traveled to Cornell University this past weekend.

Mike Gray led the team with impressive top 10 performances in each of his three events. In the weight throw, Gray took fifth place, breaking the school record of 47-5 set by Aaron Fiacconi in 2003 with a throw of 48-2. He also took second in the shot put with a throw of 48-11 ½ and tenth in the triple jump at 42-6 ¾.

Chris Cummings continued his solid senior season by finishing fourth in the men's 800 meter with a time of 1:56.50, followed by freshman Chris Bogenschutz who finished 10 with a time of 1:59.78, and junior Bryan Falcone 15 with a time of 2:01.48.

Senior Dave Sanford took third in the mile with a time of 4:21.97. Freshman Sean Vollenweider followed Sanford in 12 place.

Cummings, Bogenschutz, Sanford and Vollenweider combined for the 4x800 meter relay and took third place behind only the two home teams from Cornell.

Sophomore Joe Eck placed 15 in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.91 seconds and 17 in the 60 meter dash with a time of 7.38 seconds, tying his season best.

Gray's record breaking throw, which did qualify him for Conference, marked the third time he even competed in the event.

"I went in looking to qualify," Gray said. "But I definitely didn't think I'd break the record. Not at all."

Gray will look to add the triple jump to his list of Conference events this coming weekend.

The lone member of the women's team at the meet, senior captain Katrina Brumfield, placed fifth in the women's high jump. Her jump of 5-3 was two inches better than last weekend's meet in New Haven, CT.

Women's Head Coach Steph Cadwell was impressed with Katrina's strong performance, especially concerning the slight injury that Brumfield had been dealing with going into the competition.

"Her back was pretty sore, but she did pretty well," Cadwell said.

The remainder of the women's team stayed behind to rest after last weekend's meet at the CTC.

"We gave them a week off," Cadwell said.

Cadwell looks forward to taking more athletes, totaling about 28 men and women, to next weekends meet at Cornell.

"We're hoping to get some people qualified," Cadwell said.

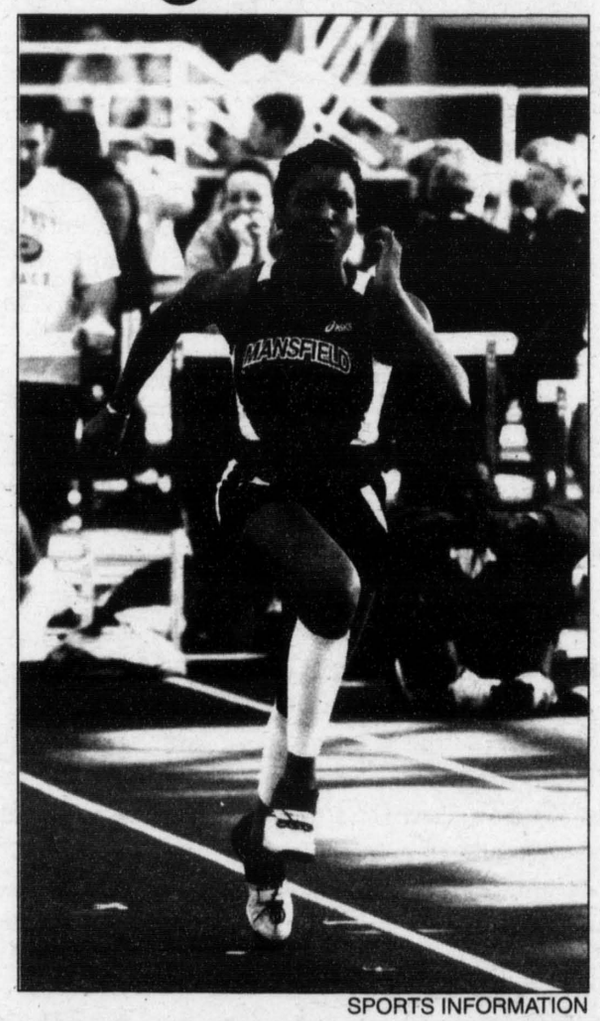
Next weekend marks the last chance the track athletes will have to qualify for Conference Championships, which will take place the first weekend of March.

The Men's Distance Medley Relay team will travel to Kent State, Ohio, looking to improve their times for the NCAA Division II Finals March 14-15.

The PSAC conference meet goes from March 1-2 and is hosted by East Stroudsburg University.

Gray mentioned the team's goals for the upcoming conference.

"I think we've done well so far this year considering that nearly half the team is freshmen. In the PSAC conference we're just looking for everyone to get a spot."



SPORTS INFORMATION

Katrina Brumfield was the only woman to compete at the meet. She participated in the high jump and beat her height at last meets jump.

Sportsmanship Clinic Set for March 1

By BRYANT RAGER
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University, Elite Therapy and the Mansfield University Leadership Institute will be hosting a sportsmanship workshop on March 1 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. in Straughn Auditorium.

This workshop is in association with the "Yogi Berra Sports Museum," a nonprofit organization out of Montclair State University in New Jersey.

The sportsmanship workshop is a program designed for parents, coaches and athletes ages 12 and up. It is designed to display the fundamentals of sportsmanship, the message of violence, self discipline, respect, teamwork and motivation in an athletic setting. The workshop will also include a discussion about the role of parents and coaches in youth sports.

The first hour and a half will be a group session. The second half will be split up in to smaller groups.

During the larger session, there will be a lecture discussing how parents and children can control their behaviors and how to be a good sport.

The children and parents will split up into smaller groups. The parents will hear a lecture on how to motivate athletes and how to develop leaders. The children will learn how to become a leader and their role in athletics.

The program entitled, "Getting the Most Out of the Athletic Experience," will be presented by Dr. Ron Gilbert, a professor of Sports Physiology at Montclair State University and John McCarthy, an award winning teacher and coach of several youth sports.

Mansfield University's Head Athletic Trainer Laurie Zaparzynski, organized the event. "There is a crisis in youth sports. There is a lot of violence between coaches and parents. This program is designed to try and stop all of this," Zaparzynski said.

The workshop is open to any parent, coach, athlete or administrator in the Twin Tiers region.

"We are hoping for somewhere between three and five hundred people to attend this workshop," Zaparzynski said.

All participants will receive free tickets to the Mansfield University Men's and Women's basketball games against Bloomsburg University, which starts at 1 p.m.

"We want to encourage attendance at the clinic as well as at the basketball games. They get the benefit of a lecture and to attend games," Zaparzynski said.

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Word on the Street: With Nicole and Danelle

"Word on the Street" is a new addition to the sports section where we ask an inquiring, deep, pensive question each week about current sports news - anyone on campus is at risk.

March Madness is quickly approaching. Rivals are suiting up for their big match-ups and fans are watching the rankings closely as teams vie to be in the top 10. Upsets and injuries have plagued the college basketball season. We wanted to know what collegiate Division I basketball team Mansfield students thought would go all the way in March Madness.

Q: Who do you predict will win the Division I college basketball championship?



"Duke because their tough schedule has proven them to be a good team."

Seth Cornell - Mansfield Men's Baskerball Player



" Connecticut because they are the hottest team in the nation and AJ Price is a monster. All Jim Calhoun knows how to do is win."

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"Duke will win because my boyfriend says so."

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Dan Lawrence defeats Lock Haven's Dave Harber

By DANELLE MILLER
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

The Mansfield University Boxing Club traveled to Lock Haven University on Sat. Feb. 16.

Dan Lawrence was the only winner out of the five boxers who attended. Roi Ligon, Jarrell Hill, Chris Phifer and Will Labor were the other contenders from Mansfield.

Lawrence fought Lock Haven's Dave Harber. Lock Haven was last year's national championship team.

The match was fought at the 165 pound weight class, but Lawrence fights at 157.

Lawrence mentioned how he felt during the bout. "I just closed my eyes and kept punching. He was 12 pounds heavier than me. I knew the odds were against me not only because he was heavier, but I was also at their home."

Hill went up against Antone Aku from Navy. Aku was last year's silver medalist at the national competition. Hill fought overweight at 139 pound. He normally fights at 132.

"It was an even fight. It could've gone either way, but the judges decided to give the fight to Aku," Gillespie said.

Ligon also fought an overweight match against Jake Winow of Penn State University. Ligon fights at 124 pound in regulation, but fought at 132.

"It was one of the poorest fights I've seen," Gillespie said. "He was not focused and not aggressive enough. He realizes what he did wrong and we are working on that for Saturday's match. I believe he will do well on Saturday."

Phifer had his first match of the season against Aaron Lynch of Lock Haven in a heavyweight bout. Lynch was a silver medalist at the national championship's last year. The men fought at the 195 pound weight class.

"This was also one of the poorest fights. It was the first match for Chris of the season," Gillespie said. "Lynch kept rushing Chris and he couldn't get free from him. We are working on it for Saturday's match."

Labor was the fifth Mansfield boxer to compete. He fought William Goss of Lock Haven. The men fought at the 139 pound weight class. This was Labor's first fight.

"It was a nice fight. Will was shorter than Goss, so he needs to learn to go inside. We've been working on that," Gillespie said.

There are eight men expected to fight at Saturday's home match in Decker Gymnasium. At 3 p.m. the preliminary event begins with novice boxers Labor, John Mendez, Mike Cobaugh and Solomon Isom competing.

At 7 p.m. the "Big 4" main card event will take place with Ligon, Hill, Lawrence and Phifer competing.

Schools expected to fight are Lock Haven, Army, Shippensburg University, Virginia Military Institute, the University of Maryland and Salisbury University.

Saturday is the boxing clubs last meet before traveling to Ocean City, Md. for the Eastern regionals. Ligon, Hill, Lawrence and Phifer will be competing at regionals from March 14 through the 16.

In mid-April the men will know who is traveling to the national competition in Reno, Nev.

"We sent three people last year, but we're hoping to send three to four this year," Gillespie said.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Dan Lawrence was the only winner at the bout last Sat.

The men have to win either silver or gold in regionals to be eligible to compete in the national championship.

Schools that the men may face at nationals are programs such as the Coast Guard Academy, Connecticut, the University of North Carolina, Penn State University, Western Virginia and other smaller institutions.

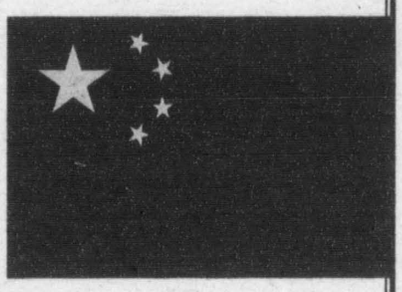
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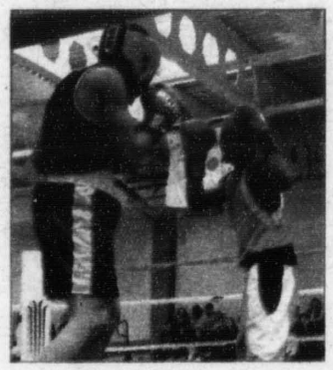
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Mansfield puts on performance of 1776

By **DEBORAH MARBAKER**
Special to the Flashlight
and **MICHELLE POLCYZNSKI**
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University presented the musical "1776" from Thursday, Feb. 21 until Sunday, Feb. 24 in Straughn Auditorium.

"1776" focuses on second Continental Congress and the events leading up to the signing of the United States' Declaration of Independence.

The musical has not been presented at Mansfield since 1976. Several members of the 1976 cast were present in the audience and were recognized prior to the first act.

Allen Bennett played Rhode Island congressman Stephen Hopkins. "I didn't know anything about the old show, but some of the old cast came, which was special to me," Bennett said.

With a humorous spin on politics, the musical followed characters John Adams and Benjamin Franklin as they coerce Thomas Jefferson to draft the Declaration of Independence. These men are then responsible for persuading the rest of the Congress to sign the declaration.



PHOTO BY DR SHERYL L MONKELIEN
Members of the Continental Congress during a performance of 1776

The cast included 24 males and two females. "It was definitely different, but I loved it," Bennett said. "I got closer to some of the guys. The cast is close and we all loved doing this show."

Songs ranged from ballads like "Momma Look Sharp" to more humorous songs like "For God's Sake, John, Sit Down."

Mansfield University student Sarah Raub attended the show and enjoyed the musical selection. "My favorite song was 'The Lees of Old Virginia,'" Raub said. "It put a spin on the persuasion of the state of Virginia."

The orchestra was directed by Sheryl Monkelien and the technical director of production was Professor Michael Crum.

Raub was pleased with her experience. "It was well produced," Raub said. "Everyone in the show knew what they were doing and it turned out great."

Katey Tripoli is a senior art education at Mansfield. "Our nation's history is important as is our school's talent," Tripoli said. "Being able to attend this show was a wonderful opportunity."

MAC's Midnight Breakfast a success

By **BEKA BROWN**
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield Activities Council (MAC) held a Midnight Breakfast in North Manser last Thursday.

The event started at 11:59 p.m. on Feb. 21 and was projected to last until 2 a.m. However, due to a large amount of student response, the event finished at 12:40 a.m. on Feb. 22. It was advertised with posters across campus and funded by student activities fees.

MAC planned to provide a buffet style breakfast for 150 students, but at the end of the night 300 had been served and over 250 had been turned away.

Mozart Guerrier is the president of MAC. He explained that the idea for a Midnight Breakfast originated from a similar event seen at Millersville University. "I know people are on campus on Thursday and people usually have exams on Friday, so I thought it would be nice to give them a break," Guerrier said.

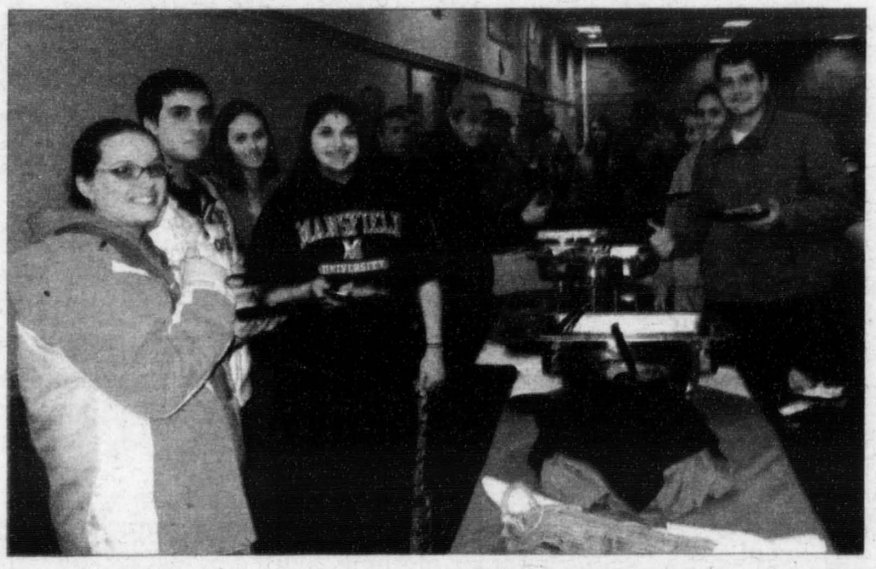


PHOTO BY ERIC BOHANNON
Over 300 students attended MAC's Midnight Breakfast on Feb. 21.

Shantee Proctor is a member of MAC who attended the event. "People were saying that this event wasn't going to be successful because it was so late, but now that we've seen the success we're going to have similar events with more food," Proctor said.

Simone Garlington is a Mass Communications major at Mansfield University. She was pleased with the event, but had some suggestions. "It's just a good idea," Garlington said. "People are up at midnight anyway and people love free food. I think they should have people monitoring each station to make sure there is enough food for everyone though."

The amount of food was the subject of debate amongmany of the attendees. Shakeia Woodson is a sophomore MAC member. "I had to conduct traffic and I was the lucky one who had to turn away at least 200 people," Woodson said.

See **'BREAKFAST'** pg. 2

Weekly Weather

TODAY

AM Snow Showers

High: 23 Low: 14

FRIDAY

Snow Shower/ Wind

High: 34 Low: 27

SATURDAY

Few Snow Showers

High: 31 Low: 16

SUNDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 39 Low: 35

MONDAY

Few Showers

High: 39 Low: 33

TUESDAY

Showers

High: 40 Low: 24

WEDNESDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 35 Low: 27

Information taken from www.weather.com

Info-To-Go

Campus Bulletin Board Mansfield University

-The new spring edition of the Careers for College Graduates booklet has been placed on the Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission website. To access the new edition, log on to the website at www.scsc.state.pa.us. Under the Job Information heading select College Graduates. The booklet is available in both pdf and text formats. This booklet is designed to assist students to discover the types of job opportunities available with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It provides job titles for which a student may qualify based on the degree they will have earned.

- The Black Student Union and the Criminal Justice club are holding a dance on Friday Feb. 29 at the Hut.

- On Sunday March 2 the Criminal Justice club is holding a Dodgeball tournament at the Kelchner Fitness Center from 8-10 p.m.

- The Vagina Monologues will run Feb. 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. in Straughn Hall. Tickets are $10 for adults, $8 for seniors and $5 for students.

'BREAKFAST'

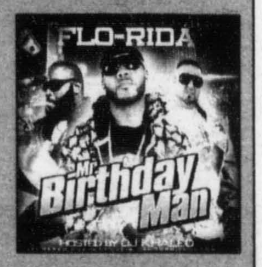
Doug Spak is an undeclared junior who was disappointed with his experience. "We had to stand in line for 20 minutes just to get some normal Manser food," Spak said.

Guerrier was positive about the complaints that some students had. "Because this was our first time doing the event, we underestimated the turnout. Midnight Breakfast was the biggest event I've ever seen in one instance, especially at 1 a.m.," Guerrier said. "Next time we do it this semester we're going to make reservations so that there is sufficient food for everyone and so the long line doesn't back up to the other side of Manser like it did on Thursday."

Mike Kessler is a junior Elementary Education student. "It was the same as what we get on Saturday morning, but it was free," Kessler said. "It would probably be better if it was on the other side [the main Manser dining area] because more people would have gotten in quicker."

"We're trying to make this a Mansfield tradition," Guerrier said. "I'm happy with the turnout, but I wish we could have served more people." Guerrier encourages those with grievances to join MAC or bring up their concerns at a meeting. MAC meetings are held at 5:15 p.m. on Thursdays in room 317 in Alumni Hall.

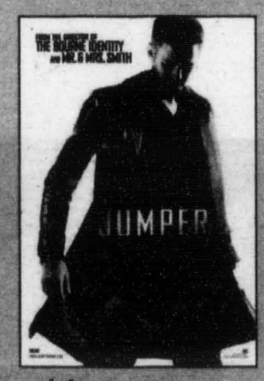
Entertainment Corner



Top Digital Singles: Courtesy of billboard.com

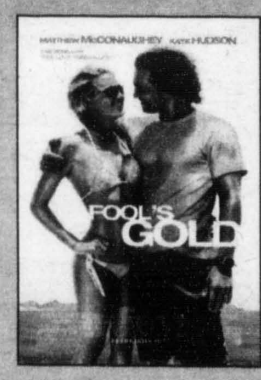
1.) **Flo Rida Featuring T-Pain** - Low
2.) **Rhianna** - Don't Stop the Music
3.) **Sara Bareilles** - Love Song
4.) **Chris Brown** - With You
5.) **Alicia Keyes** - No one





Top Movies: Courtesy of imdb.com

1.) Vantage Point - PG-13, Dennis Quaid
2.) **Jumper** - PG-13, Hayden Christensen, Samuel L Jackson
3.) **Spiderwick Chronicles**- PG, Freddie Highmore
4.)**Step Up 2 the streets**- PG-13 Robert Hoffman
5.) **Fool's Gold** - PG-13 Matthew McConaughey, Kate Hudson



CORRECTION:

In last week's boxing article, Lock Haven's Dave Harper's name was misspelled. The Flashlight would like to acknowledge this mistake and correct the misspelling.

Mansfield preparing for prospective Chinese students in fall of '08

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Mansfield University is looking at China for prospective students in order to broaden the percentage of international students on campus.

Mansfield University picks students only after they apply to attend the university. Mansfield welcomes applications from any student, anywhere, but there has to be a balance in general needs to internationalize the campus with the economics of the university.

Michael Renner is the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Mansfield University. "We can only afford to invest in recruiting where it will likely bring enough students to campus to offset the expense," Renner said.

In order to recruit students, the university needs to know who they are and what they do. A major responsibility is to be honest in the information that is given to the public, so that students can trust that the school is describing a real option. "When we say that we are "Developing Tomorrow's Leaders" we need to back that up by making sure there are many different types of leadership development opportunities on campus," Renner said.

Another example is backing up the statement that Mansfield is Pennsylvania's Public Liberal Arts College. The university needs to make sure that the students understand how important it is to get a liberal education, and what that means.

There is also marketing, which is about getting the word to prospective students who might be or become interested in getting a Mansfield education. . "Every student on campus heard about us somehow: Many through friends and family, some through high school teachers and guidance offices, and some through news stories or advertising," Renner said. "The logic is similar no matter where you do that

In the fall of 2006, Renner attended a meeting in China organized by the American Association of State College & Universities (AASCU). After this meeting, Mansfield was selected as one of 16 universities in the country to participate in a system of exchange agreements among U.S. and Chinese Universities, called the "1+2+1 Program." The name comes from the idea that Chinese students will spend a year at their home university in China, study in the U.S. for two years, and then return home for their last year. Mansfield has now signed agreements with more than 15 Chinese Universities, and students from some of these universities will start arriving here as sophomores in the fall of 2008.

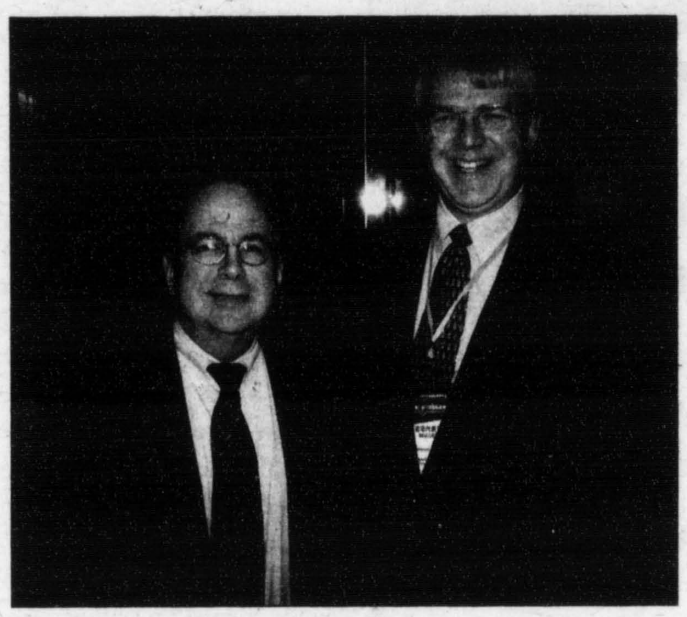


PHOTO COURTESY OF MICHAEL RENNER
Michael Renner visited with Dr. Ma Min (left) president of Huazhong Normal University.

Renner returned to China this past year to continue developing the relationships with the different universities. Mansfield has a partnership with Huazhong Normal University. Dr. Tim Madigan, a sociology professor at Mansfield has visited Huazhong Normal University several times, and Mansfield students have also accompanied him there.

"We now have an exchange agreement with Huazhong Normal so that their students can study here, and Mansfield students can spend a semester or a year there studying Chinese language and culture. They have a new international village on their campus, and they're excited to welcome our students to their campus," Renner said. "One advantage of exchange programs like this is that students will continue as MU students, paying only the same tuition and fees they pay here. It's an exciting opportunity, and I hope that Mansfield students will take advantage of it."

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Cherokee recording artist performed for Mansfield students

By DANELLE MILLER
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Michael Jacobs, a Cherokee recording artist, performed two shows at Mansfield University on Tuesday, Feb. 19.

Jacobs is a resident of Milwaukee, Minn. He is Cherokee by blood, but did not begin his career performing Native American music. He began as a songwriter and guitarist in Nashville, Tenn.

"Although I'm Cherokee by blood, I wasn't raised in my culture or with a sense of that identity. But about 16 years ago, I had an epiphany which led to my cultural transformation," Jacobs said. "My songs began and remain an expression of my culture and world view."

He commented on what interested him in performing.

"It's hard to say. Some people wander their entire lives trying to find what they really want to do and others have to choose between making a living or doing what they love," Jacobs said. "I'm fortunate to have it both ways. I've always loved music and art and finally decided in my early teens that I wanted to be a musician more than I wanted to be an artist. I still do some design work on my CD covers."

Jacobs performs primarily at colleges, but during the summer he performs at pow-wows, art fairs, street fairs and festivals.

"I prefer to just perform my music, but I have spoken on the American Indian Movement in South Dakota in the 1970s, the Native American family - both historically speaking and now, and on Native American music," Jacobs said.

Jacobs first show was held in Jazzman's Cafe from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and his second performance was in room 307 Alumni Student Center from 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

"The style is a mixture of folk, rock, pop, with traditional Native American influences. Maybe it could be called "Native Americana," Jacobs said.

Jacobs songs fuse the past, present and future with beauty and pain, war and peace, hope and heartache and love lost and love found. His songs contain strong imagery.

"I had a good time at Mansfield and enjoyed meeting people, discussing issues and getting to know some people from the Diversity Committee," Jacobs said.

Campus Events Calendar

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Feb. 28 - 1 - 2 p.m. - Career Series Workshop: Job Search Strategies, 314 AHSC - 6 -9 p.m. - Men Who Cook - Corey Creek Golf Club - 10 p.m. - 12 a.m. - KFC Game Show Late Night	29 - 7:30 p.m. - Faculty Wind/Brass Chamber Music concert	March 1 - 9 a.m. - Instrument repair workshop - 3 p.m. - Symphonic Band concert - SAO Bus Trip to Inner Harbor Baltimore and National Aquarium - MU students $10	2 - 7 p.m. - Dr. Joseph Murphy, Dr. Matthew Slotkin and Dr. Nancy Boston, Faculty Saxophone/Guitar/ Piano recital	3 - 8 - 9:30 p.m. - PSECU All-Star Intramural Basketball Game at KFC - 8:15 p.m. - Billy Montana concert - Straughn Hall	4	5 - Midterm grades due
6 - Spring Break	7 - Spring Break	8 - Spring Break	9 - Spring Break	10 - Spring Break	11 - Spring Break	12 - Spring Break

What in the World? News in a flash by Laura and Becca



Wholesale inflation climbs to 26-year high

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

The Labor Department said that Wholesale inflation jumped by one percent in January which more than doubled the increase that analysts were expecting.

Inflation is up at the fastest pace in a quarter century due to consumer confidence plunging while wholesale food, energy, and medicine costs soared.

The New York-based Conference Board reported that its confidence index fell to 75.0 in February, which is down from 87.3 in Janurary. Analysts had forecasted a reading of 83. The index has been at its lowest level since Feb. 2003.

Another report showed that home prices measured by the S&P/Case-Shiller Index, dropped by 8.9 percent in the last quarter of 2007. It is the steepest drop in the twenty year history of the index.

"Home prices across the nation and in most metro areas are significantly lower than where they were a year ago," Robert Shiller, one of the index's creators, said. "Where ever you look, things look bleak."

The January inflation surge made wholesale prices rise 7.5 percent in 2007, the fastest pace in 26 years.

Consumer prices have risen by 0.4 percent, which is making higher costs for food, energy, and health care.

This raises the risk of "stagflation". the economic malady that happened in the 1970's when oil shocks left households battered by the problems of stagnant growth and rising inflation.

Interested in giving up some of your Spring Break? Join Campus Ministries as we work with Seed of Hope in Tioga County from Wednesday at 5 p.m. to Sunday at 10 a.m. and still have a week of Spring Break to do what you want. For more information contact Deb or Courtney at ext. 4432 or ext. 4431 or email chull@mansfield.edu. There are a maximum of 10 people who can participate, so contact them soon!

Juicycampus.com - scandalous or harmless?

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

Most college students love gossip. Walking through Manser you can usually hear tidbits of conversations, what happened over the weekend, who did what and who made a fool of themselves. Well now students can not only talk amongst themselves but also post anonymous gossip on the website juicycampus.com.

Juicycampus.com is comparable to schoolscum.com, that some students may have had experience with during high school, or any number of student bashing websites that have erupted over the years. Juicycampus.com is currently gaining popularity among universities. It began last fall on seven college campuses including Duke and UCLA. It has recently grown to 50 more and is currently trying to add 25 more universities.

Students at the universities that belong to the website may log on and go to an anonymous discussion board similar to blackboard, post anything and everything about anyone they want. Posts vary from the sexual exploits of students, religious views, political views and several students trying to make it a positive website. Whether bashing, praising or asking questions the majority of the posts on the site consist of students sexual experiences.

The website's tagline is "C'mon. Give us the juice." The posts can be rated on their juiciness, students can reply and many of the posts have been read hundreds of times.

However, juicycampus.com seems to have taken it too far for some students. Many feel that what is written will affect their futures and countless argue that half of what is posted is lies.

Several universities have asked administration to ban the site. However administrators state that they have no control over it because students outside of the college's network are able to view the posts.

Pepperdine University spokesman Jerry Derloshon said the university is proud of student's reaction to the site, but the school is unable to ban the site.

"In the end," he said, "the site's shock value will diminish and it will be revealed for what it is: empty."

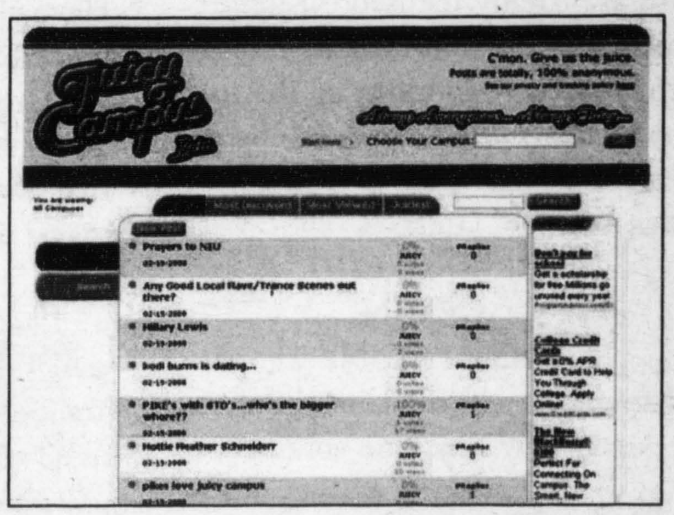


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Juicycampus.com is a website that has grown in popularity among college students. It is a place where students can post anything they choose to.

'PREPARING'

Renner believes that it is important to have international students because Mansfield University is preparing its students for the real world. When students graduate, they will be among adults from all over the world. "You'd better know who these people are, how they see the world, and how to interact with them successfully. Even if you plan to live your life in Wellsboro, Towanda, or Westfield, it's a mistake to think it won't affect you. It will," Renner said.

Renner suggests that every student should have some kind of international experience before graduating. "We are doing everything we can to internationalize our campus by welcoming students from other countries and different cultures into the University community," Renner said. "In this way, every Mansfield student will gain a global education."

According to Renner, Mansfield is a great place for international students to study because it affords world-class education at an affordable cost, on a safe campus in a beautiful rural area. Many international students have been in touch with Renner, and they are saying that they are having a great experience at Mansfield.

Aside from the Chinese exchange program, Renner just got back from India, where he was also recruiting. India has had a dramatic recent increase in the interest in studying abroad, however it is much more difficult to establish exchange agreements due to India not having the higher education infrastructure that China does. Despite this, Renner and administration are hoping to establish relationships in India to help refer interested students.

Renner urges students to take the opportunity to learn more about international issues and people, or to become an international exchange student themselves. There are many opportunities to do so on campus, such as there being international floors in the dorms. Having a roommate from another country is possible for students who are interested.

There is also the Mansfield International Students' Organization (MISO) for students who want to know about international issues and meet international students.

Mansfield is also part of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP). "Students who would like to study abroad should get moving," Renner said. It's an unforgettable experience, and it will make a huge difference in your life."

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ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Your heart is on your sleeve today -- even more so than usual! Don't get embarrassed if it feels like you're saying too much, because on a day like today, that just means you're doing something right.

TAURUS
APRIL 20 - MAY 20

You are totally focused on something big and emotionally important to you -- so much so that other aspects of your life may fall by the wayside. That's okay -- you'll get back to them later!

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Throw yourself into some kind of service today -- maybe volunteering, maybe working with clients or maybe even taking care of personal needs you've been neglecting. It should feel great

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22

Things have become quite intense for you in the past day or so, but you may like it more than you're letting on. Strong emotions are your bread and butter, so enjoy what's going on while it lasts!

LEO
JULY 21 - AUGUST 22

Have you ever wondered if there's more going on in your mind than what you know about consciously? Today brings pretty clear evidence that it's true -- and you may make a major discovery about yourself!

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

You need to go a little deeper than usual when investigating the latest odd situation in your life -- the surface is deceptive. That doesn't mean it's all bad, though; you may end up doing quite well for yourself!

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

You're much more serious-minded than usual, though you may not have any idea why. Use the energy to focus on work or home tasks that you've been putting off -- your productivity is tremendous!

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

Are you single? That shouldn't last long if you don't want it to. You're in the middle of a period of intense personal magnetism and should draw people to you without even trying very hard.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

You are moodier than usual, which might make you wonder what's really going on deep down if you can't immediately see the cause. Take a moment to organize your thoughts and see what happens.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

If your mate seems a bit skittish or needy, it could be that you're coming across as cold or uncaring -- though of course you aren't really feeling that way! Try to reach out, even if it feels artificial.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

You need to focus on work, school or whatever else it is that takes up your daytime hours. You can make significant progress and today might actually be the first step on a new journey for you.

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

You're stuck at a crossroads -- but being stuck isn't so bad just now! Take your time and carefully consider all of your options, as there are a few that you haven't even seen or thought of yet.

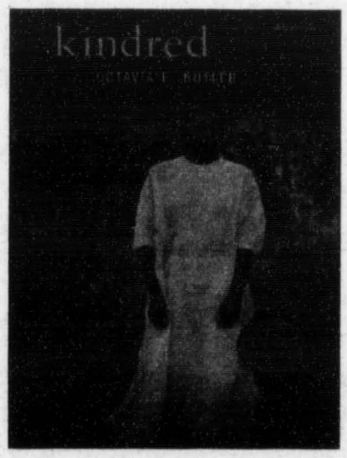
The Book Nook: Kindred

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

Kindred is a compelling story dealing with issues of race, slavery, love and hate.

The story follows the life of Dana, a woman taken from her home in California and sent back to the South during the 1820's. When she arrives a young boy is drowning in a river. Without thinking she swims out and saves the boy.

However, the moment she looks up she comes face to face with a shotgun and is abruptly transported back to her home in California.



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Octavia Butler's, Kindred, has sold over 250,000 copies.

Throughout *Kindred* Dana travels through time again and again, back to the South to save the life of Rufus, a plantation owners son. Each time she travels back to the plantation she stays longer, putting her life in more danger each time.

While on the plantation Dana takes on the role of a slave but never accepts truly accepts that position. She brings her modern values and views back to the antebellum South.

On one trip back to the South Dana's husband, who is white, comes along with her. Their relationship is tested repeatedly as he falls into the position of slave owner and her of slave.

To find out why Dana is called into the past and if she will survive her life-threatening trips, check out Octavia Butler's *Kindred*. An incredible and emotional story all while education the reader about slavery and racial issues. An excellent read to honor Black History Month.

This day in history

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On this day in 1827, a group of masked and costumed students dance through the streets of New Orleans, LA, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations.

The celebration of Carnival--or the weeks between Twelfth Night on January 6 and Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the Christian period of Lent--spread from Rome across Europe and later to the Americas. Nowhere in the United States is Carnival celebrated as grandly as in New Orleans, famous for its over-the-top parades and parties for Mardi Gras (or Fat Tuesday), the last day of the Carnival season.

Yahoosoft? Microsoft makes a multi-billion dollar offer

By NANCY EDWARDS
Flashlight Writer

Microsoft has made a $44.6 billion offer for Yahoo.

Microsoft has been pursuing Yahoo for a possibility of merging the two companies. Microsoft has made several offers over the past few months, but have been unable to secure a deal.

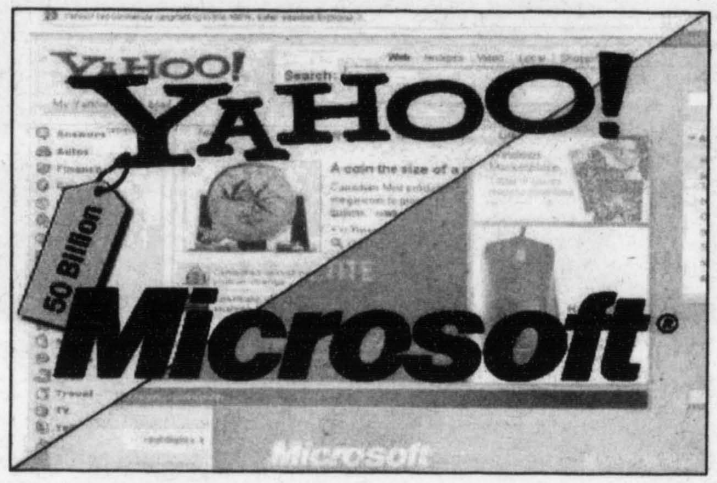
The company is interested in expanding and have set goals to match Google in terms of search and online advertising. They believe by joining with Yahoo they will achieve a better internet and search presence. Microsoft predicts that the two companies together could control 75 percent of all web e-mail access.

Microsoft is competing with Google, the dominant search website, for advertising dollars. Microsoft wants to put more ads in front of internet users by integrating Yahoo and Microsoft.

Yahoo has rejected Microsoft's offer; they have expressed they have no interest in merging with Microsoft and prefer being an independent company even though they have been facing some financial issues.

Kevin Johnson, president of Microsoft's platforms and services division, stated that they are interested in the positive outcomes of this merge. "We would have an opportunity to bring together the best of both companies" Johnson said.

Johnson also assured Yahoo executives that Microsoft planned to work closely with their company. "It is important to me that this process includes leaders from Yahoo and Microsoft and is done in a way that enables us, together, to make decisions in a collaborative way."



GOOGLE IMAGES
Microsoft is trying to purchase Yahoo, however previous attempts have been unsuccessful.

It seems as though Microsoft has lost its patience since it has considered launching a proxy fight. Which would mean that Microsoft could bypass resisting Yahoo board members and deal specifically with the shareholders. Microsoft predicts the proxy bid campaign to cost between $20 million and $30 million.

Yahoo co-founder and CEO Jerry Yang has been feeling the pressure and has reportedly been exploring alternative options such as teaming up with Google, Time Warner-owned America On Line, and MySpace, which is owned by News Corp.

Hilary Schneider, an executive vice president of Yahoo's network of advertisers and publishers, has stated that Yahoo has been pursuing their own plans as to how to save Yahoo and make it more competitive. "We have moved quickly and aggressively to implement our strategy," Schneider said.

Don DePamphilis, a professor of finance at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles wonders if these two companies would fit together since they appear to have two different presences.

"Microsoft is a buttoned-down, large successful firm dealing with a younger, more entrepreneurial business," DePamphilis said. Overall, Microsoft executives believe that a Microsoft-Yahoo combination would be a challenge but is definitely workable.

Employees at Yahoo have been worried as to what would happen in the event of a takeover. But Yahoo has recently implemented a new severance plan that would cover all Yahoo employees if a takeover does indeed happen.

Formal negotiations between the two companies have yet to be set up. Both Microsoft and Yahoo are confident in their companies. Microsoft is confident in acquiring Yahoo, while Yahoo is confident in remaining independent or teaming up with another company without being forced too.

Secret video footages makes government recall beef

By BRITTANY SERFANI
Flashlight Writer

Ever think there might be a "downed cow" in your Southside Manser cheeseburger? Probably not, but the largest beef recall in U.S. history is causing many to rethink taking a bite out of their beef.

The government ordered the beef recall after video footage released showed downed cows being abused en route to a California meat processing plant.

The term "downed cow" means the collapsed cow that is too ill to stand. This is usually caused by some type of infection, including bovine spongiform encephalopathy which is also known as mad cow disease. Eating meat from these cows poses serious health risks.

The U.S. recalled an estimated 143 million pounds of beef, which would be enough to serve two hamburgers to every man, woman, and child in the United States. However, the gesture was largely symbolic because most of the downed cow beef had already been consumed.

Even so, it is an embarrassment for both the USDA and Congress for failing to protect the public from tainted meat and the cows from the gross abuse.

Caroline Smith DeWaal, food safety director of the consumer advocacy group the Center for Science in the Public Interest, is disgusted with the government's enormous failure.

"Consumers are losing confidence in [the government's] ability to ensure the meat they eat is safe. Once again, United States Department of Agriculture is in reactive mode – taking steps to protect the public long after a highly publicized animal welfare scandal," DeWaal said. "Where were the inspectors who should have been preventing downed cattle from entering the food supply? Where were the safeguards to make sure that meat from sick animals didn't end up on school lunch trays from coast to coast?"

Around 37 million pounds of the beef ended up in federal school lunch programs, some including schools in New York and Pennsylvania. The rest of the beef went to fast food restaurants such Jack In The Box and In 'N Out Burger. All chains have switched to other suppliers.

The shakedown began at the end of last month when the United States Humane Society released footage of workers at the Westland/Hallmark meat packing plant in Chino, east of Los Angeles, kicking downed cows, jabbing them in the eyes, ramming them with forklift trucks and spraying them with power hoses to get the cows to stand and into boxes used for slaughter.

The Humane Society is concerned with the health risks - noting that 12 out of the 15 documented cases of mad cow disease were found in downed cows – and the mistreatment of the animals, which it said was "right out of the waterboarding manual."

Along with mad cow disease, downed cows are also likely to be exposed to contamination or infection by animal feces. This raises the risk of E. coli, salmonella and other food-born illnesses.

The Department of Agriculture closed the Westland/Hallmark plant one week after the video release. On Feb. 15, the local district attorney in San Bernardino County brought criminal charges against two meat packing workers.

Wayne Pacelle, the Human Society's president, believed the recall sent "an unmistakable message to other meat processing plants."

"A recall of this staggering scale shows it's bad for animals, bad for consumers and bad for business to have slipshod enforcement and porous laws when it comes to handling animals at slaughter plants," Pacelle said.

USDA inspectors are now saying they fear chronic staff shortages are the reason fiascoes like the Westland/Hallmark scandal are slipping through the cracks. They have also said they are not aware of anyone becoming sick from the recalled beef.

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New president of Cuba is a severe case of nepotism

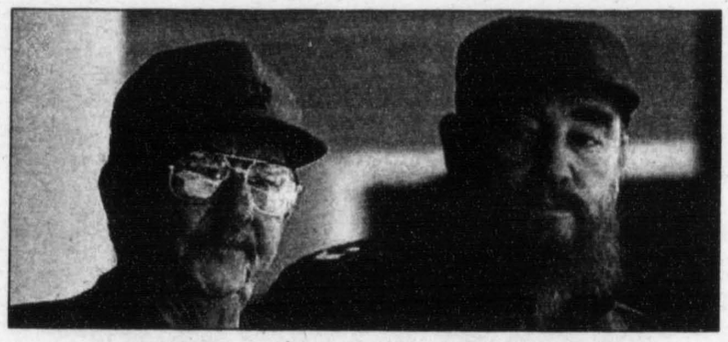
By CHRISTIAN JOHNSON
Flashlight Writer

On Feb 19, Fidel Castro resigned as president of Cuba, ending nearly a half-century of rule.

The 81-year-old Castro made the announcement in a message published by the online version of the Cuban Communist Party newspaper Granma. "I neither will aspire to nor will I accept -- I repeat --I neither will aspire to nor will I accept, the position of president of the Council of State and commander-in-chief," Castro wrote. "It would betray my conscience to take up a responsibility that requires mobility and total commitment that I am not in physical condition to offer."

Castro has not appeared publicly since July 2006 when he became ill and had to undergo intestinal surgery. At that time, Castro handed over power to his younger brother Raul, the former defense minister. On Sunday, Cuba's National Assembly officially elected Raul Castro to replace Fidel as the island's leader. Raul Castro, 76, has hinted at reform on occasion but has made very few changes. His decisions are viewed by many as being out of respect for his older brother who insists that the country's communist structure will remain despite his resignation.

"The commander in chief of the Cuban revolution is unique, Fidel is Fidel, as we all know well, he is irreplaceable," Raul Castro said during his acceptance speech on Sunday.
Upon hearing about the Cuban leader's resignation president



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Raul Castro (left) will take over for brother Fidel (right.)

Bush said, "The international community should work with the Cuban people to begin to build institutions that are necessary for democracy," he said. "Eventually, this transition ought to lead to free and fair elections and I mean free, and I mean fair — not these kind of staged elections that the Castro brothers try to foist off as true democracy."

Castro's resignation marks the end of the longest in the world for a head of government. His rise to power began in 1958 when he and a group of militants launched a full-scale attack on Cuba that forced Dictator Fulgencio Batista to flee the country. In 1959 Castro was declared prime minister.

Tensions between the new Cuban government and the U.S quickly arose when Castro ended the U.S economic structure on the island by nationalizing factories and plantations. On April 17, 1961, a group of Cuban exiles who were trained and armed by the C.I.A invaded Cuba at the Bay of Pigs. Their attempt to overthrow Castro's communist government ended horribly when most were killed or imprisoned.

By 1962 Castro had built up close ties with the Soviet Union who installed nuclear weapons on the island. This decision prompted President John F. Kennedy to demand their removal and quarantine the country. When the Soviets removed all weapons, the U.S had already imposed an economic, commercial and financial embargo on Cuba that exists to this day.

Tensions between Castro and the United States would continue for decades to come but the Cuban leader managed to stay in power despite attempts to have him ousted. According to official Cuban Intelligence he survived 638 assassination attempts over the span of 10 U.S presidents.

Castro's admirers credit him with building 10,000 new schools, creating a universal health care system and lowering illiteracy rates. Yet, his opponents view him as a ruthless dictator who cracked down on his citizen's personal liberties. During his rule, people in Cuba lost their rights to petition government, hold a free press and practice religion openly.

Many of Castro's political opponents have accused his regime of killing and imprisoning thousands of people who were labeled counterrevolutionaries or C.I.A operatives. For nearly a half-century, thousands of Cubans have fled Castro's rule and most have settled in Southern Florida cities like Miami.

Spring is around the corner but spring fashion is in stores now

By KIMBERLEE BLOCKER
Flashlight Writer

Even though the snow seems to never let up, winter is coming to its last days and spring will soon be here! Throw all those fall and winter clothes off to the side and make room for spring trends.

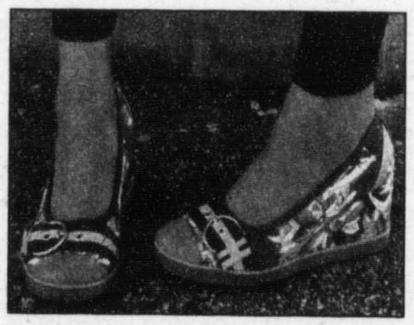
One of the styles that seems to keep reoccurring is metals. Those metallic gold and sliver accessories that we've all come to know and love has been going strong for some time now, and looks as if they're not going away any time soon. This time these metallic's are meant just for evening wear but dress them down and mix them up with your daytime wear. Floral prints and bohemian looks are all the rave this up and coming season as well. Think more of a wild safari with a tribal feel that is modern yet feminine with the bohemian look. As for the floral print designers such as Ralph Lauren are working the run ways with this garden chic and girly look.

"For those who aren't into the full flower look, a simple floral print accessory is fine" Brandi Tallen, an employee at Cache' clothing store, said.

Bright colors are in full effect as well. Step up your clothing style with some fresh, funky and vivid colors such as pinks, bold greens and yellow. Take chances and find that top you've always wanted in a brighter color. Drab and dreary colors are no longer in style for the spring season.

Menswear is surprisingly a trend for women of today. Take that cute button up that you've always loved on your favorite guy and put your own spin on it.

"Some of the biggest names in fashion all took a nod from the boys with menswear-type suiting, but then added nipped-in waists and feminine touches to make the looks completely wearable" Stephanie Prommer said.



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Ballet flats are out; wedges are in.

Hate those baby doll tops that seemed to add a few pounds? Well those are out and clingy and sexy short dresses are in. No longer will women have to worry if that baby doll top makes them look pregnant or fat because a cute and flirtatious clingy dress can give women the chance to show off all their curves.

Say bye-bye to the ballet flats and hello to wedges! Wedges are the shoes women should be seen walking around in this spring. Let those toes cramped up from the winter boots and shoes breath with a pair of wedges. Not only are they completely comfortable but they are easier to walk in for those who have trouble in heels. If heels are not your thing and it's not quite warm enough, slip on a pair of the classic and fun rubber boots. They've been around for sometime now but with the spring rain it's definitely a time to break out those flashy rubber boots! Spring will be here soon so get a head start on those spring fashions!

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A majority of U.S. citizens would have a hard time being approved for U.S. citizenship

By KAY BARRETT
Flashlight Writer

How many U.S. Senators are there? What is the "rule of law"? Who was President during World War I? What states were part of the original 13 colonies? What is one of the two longest rivers in the U.S.?

Feel like you are on an episode of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?" Actually, the prize for the people who answer these question correctly isn't a million dollars but approved United States citizenship.

The five questions above are sample questions taken from the 100 questions in the United States Naturalization Test and one Mansfield University student wanted to find out if actual U.S. college students would be able to pass the test about their own national history.

Justine Taylor is a senior Criminal Justice major, conducted a study of a combined 53 Mansfield University students from an upper division course and a lower division course to see if they would be able to pass the U.S. Naturalization Test as part of Sociology of Education course last December. The 53 students were given a questionnaire of 16 questions.

The first question asked students to select their family's combined income. Taylor used this information to decide if having a larger percent of students from high socioeconomic status also know as high SES (higher income levels) than students from low socioeconomic status also known as low SES (lower income levels) would affect how the group as a whole performed or vice versa.

The remaining 15 questions were taken from the U.S. Naturalization Test. The actual naturalization test requires test takers to know the answer to 100 questions about U.S. history, politics and law. The test takers are actually only asked ten of those 100 questions at random which they must answer orally, however they must be prepared for any of the 100 questions. In addition, test takers must pass reading and writing sections.

The test for Mansfield University students was made a little easier since all of the questions were multiple choice, but that didn't seem to help very many people out, as Taylor's results show.

"Ninety three percent of the participants scored below 70 percent [and] more than half below 50 percent," Taylor said, "Not forgetting that an 80 percent average must be achieved to pass the test, only seven percent of the individual participants are truly worthy of being deemed a 'citizen.'"

Some of the questions Mansfield University students were asked included: What does the First Amendment guarantee? Only 60.4 percent knew that the First Amendment guarantees Freedom of Speech.

Another questioned asked was "How many people comprise the Senate?" The correct answer is 100 people comprise the Senate, but only 49 percent of student answered this question correctly.

Taylor also found that although there was a higher percent of students from high socioeconomic homes, had no affect on how the group of participants did as a whole. Individuals from both high SES and low SES were failing at the group and individual level.

"Honestly, I do not even think that I provided the most difficult questions for the participants to answer on the survey," Taylor said, "In my opinion, they were the most basic ones that should have been taught at the grade school level."

Taylor points out that it is not only at Mansfield University where students are failing in the knowledge of their own country's history.

"It is not just happening at Mansfield. Students across the county, including Ivy League schools, who took a similar, yet longer, test in 2006 averaged a 54.6 percent. The results from my study at Mansfield just support those national findings that students are failing in history," Taylor said.

In preparation for her study, Taylor read research conducted by the University of Connecticut's Department of Public policy. They were the researchers who distributed a nationwide survey to 14,000 freshmen and college seniors at 50 different U.S. colleges and universities.

The students were given a 60 question survey about US. government, economy and history to test their knowledge of their own country. The results were very similar to those of Taylor's.

"The average grade was an F," Taylor said, "Harvard seniors scored the highest, but their overall average was 69.9 percent, a D+."

Princeton and Yale also scored in the sixties, while 18 other colleges had an average score of less than 50 percent for the seniors who participated in the survey.

The questions that may arise from Taylor and the University of Connecticut findings are should we require immigrants to pass a test on U.S. history and operations to became a citizen when natural born Americans can't even answer such test questions correctly? And what changes must be made to improve our own knowledge of U.S. history? At the educational level? National level?

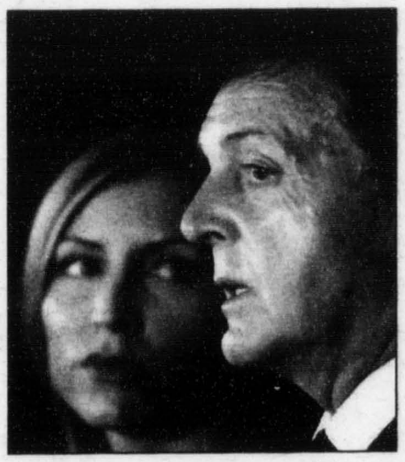
"I think it is disheartening that immigrants seeking citizenship take the naturalization test orally and are able to pass it, but the sample of students I tested failed, even though it was multiple choice and they had a one in four chance of answering correctly," Taylor said. " It is hard to think of a solution for this problem."

Heather Mills and Paul McCartney's divorce gets ugly

By CARLYN SPANGLER
Flashlight Writer

Hollywood couples are known for their quickie marriages and over publicized divorces. So it comes as no surprise that The Beatles founder, Paul McCartney, is divorcing former glamour model and Dancing with the Stars contestant, Heather Mills.

The divorce between McCartney and Mills has taken separation to a whole other level. To split on amiable terms is just too easy. The couple, who was once happily married in June 2002, announced their separation just four years later. During their four year marriage they gave birth to a daughter, Beatrice, leaving her stuck in the middle of a bitter custody battle.



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Hollywood divorces can be vicious.

McCartney, whose wealth is estimated to be $1.6 billion, filed for divorce in 2006 accusing Mills for, "unreasonable behavior." If he thought her behavior was unreasonable then, it has recently gotten worse.

Press reports say McCartney offered Mills $50 million in the divorce settlement, but she wants at least double that amount. The media has stereotyped Mills as a gold digger, and many have decided to defend McCartney.

Mills told the public she is sick of the bad press and because of the ridicule has been suicidal. She wishes people would focus on the charity she has done for 20 years, instead of the divorce.

The battle between McCartney and Mills has turned into Britain's largest ever divorce settlement. The couple who were once in love have become sworn enemies. Mills has gone as far as accusing McCartney of failing to protect her and their daughter. Mills says the abuses she suffered in the marriage consisted of lies and slander to extreme death threats.

Last Monday the British couple returned to court to discuss the terms on their ongoing divorce battle. Their fate will be decided by the Royal Courts of Justice, but the judge will hear the case in private. Depending on the settlement, the details of the agreement could be kept secret.

McCartney's, "I Do," to Mills turned into an, "I Don't." Sadly McCartney and Mills have become another tragic example of love lost in the world of Hollywood.

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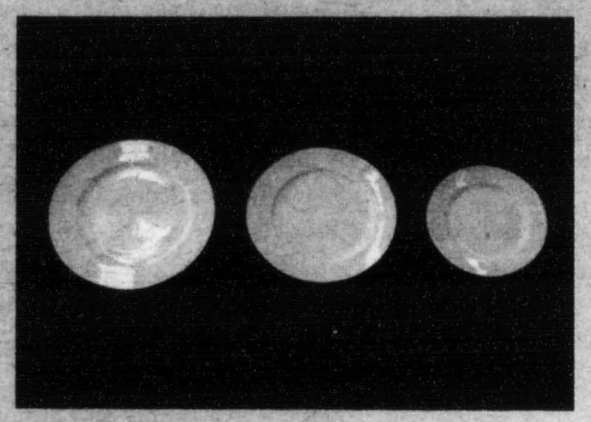
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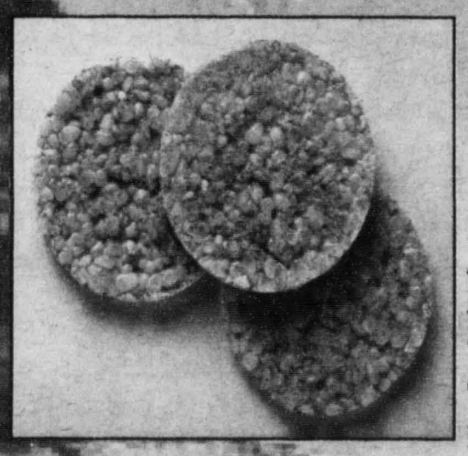
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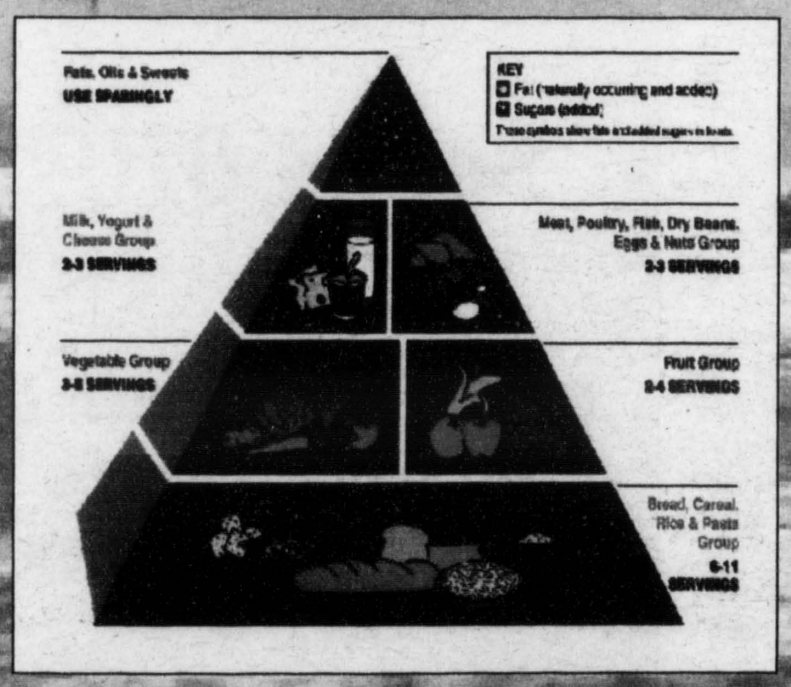
Spray cooking pans with a spray instead of using butter



Use smaller dishes to make your plate look fuller. For example, in Manser instead of using the large dinner plates, select the small salad plates instead.



Instead of reaching for the chips when you are hungry for a snack in the dorms, substitute flavored rice cakes.



Don't neglect any of the food groups. For example, if you cut out the carbohydrate section (breads, pasta, rice and cereal) your energy will take a dive.

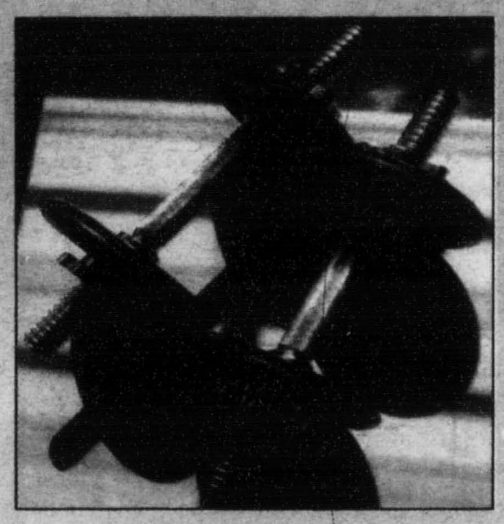
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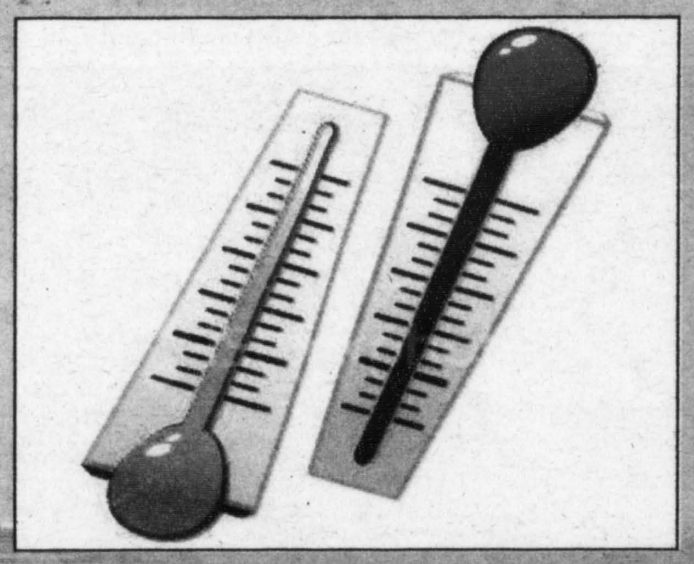
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Here's a suggestion for varying your weight training exercises:
Monday: Chest and Back Weight Training for 20 minutes
Tuesday: Shoulder Strength Exercise for 20 minutes
Wednesday: Abs Weight Training for 20 minutes
Thursday: Biceps and Triceps Strength Training for 20 minutes
Friday: Grab Bag/Wild Card for 20 min.
Saturday: Hip and Thigh Weight Training for 20 minutes
Sunday: Chest and Shoulder Strength Training for 20 minutes

Don't forget to warm up and cool down. Injuries can be sustained by those who forget



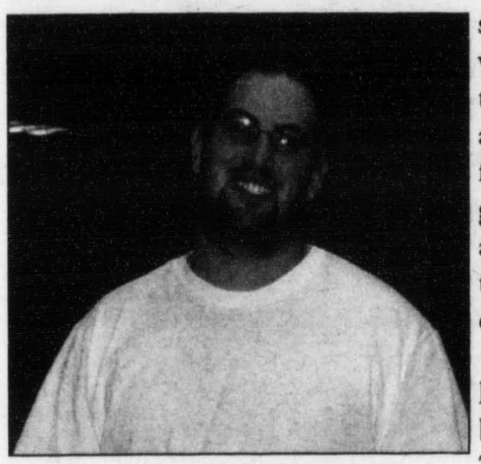


If you want to get a decent aerobic workout routine going, do aerobic exercise at least three times a week. During your aerobic workouts, try to keep your heart rate between 60-80 percent of maximum for at least twenty minutes. This will improve your cardiovascular fitness.

Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

Getting involved on campus



This semester I have seen some changes on campus. I'm starting to see more of the student body getting involved in on campus activities. In the past it seemed when an event was held on campus by any organization that it was poorly attended.

Last week the Mansfield Activities Council hosted a Midnight Breakfast in North Manser.

The event started at 11:59 but the line was outside of Manser at 11:45. It was nice to see the students come to an event that was for them. I felt bad for all the students that had to be turned away because they ran out of food. Even though it wasn't a good thing to have to turn people away, it is a step in the right direction for Mansfield to get students out to events.

In early February two bus loads of students traveled to the basketball game at Bloomsburg. This was well attended and helped to get another bus to the basketball game Wednesday at East Stroudsburg. This time there will be only one bus, but hopefully we can fill up the bus and support the men's and women's basketball teams.

The best way to enhance your experience in college is to do something. Get out and join a club, go to the events that MAC or any organization puts on. Most of the events are free and it's a great way to meet people. We spend four years of our life in college we might as well make the most of it.

I can't say I've done everything on campus, but when opportunities arise to do something, you might as well do it.

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Does the university do enough for students on campus

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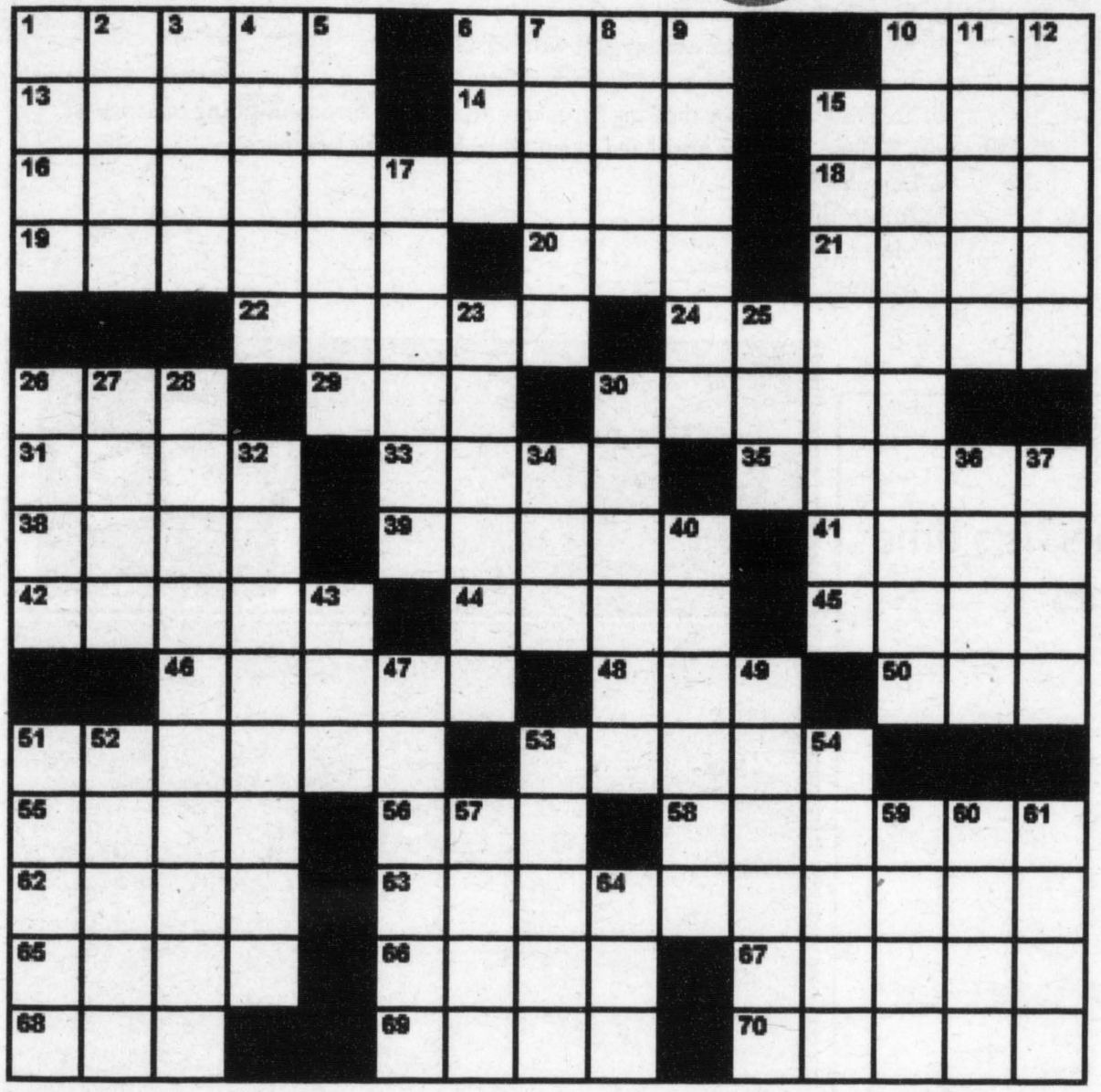
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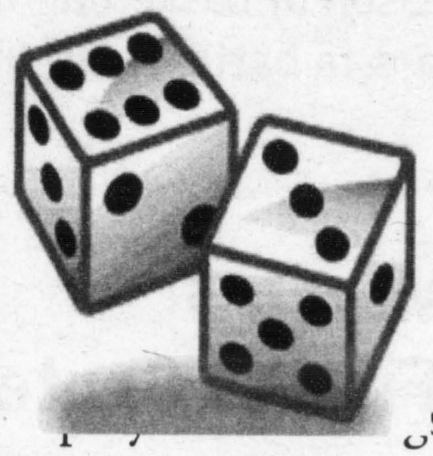
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30. Cousin on ones father's side
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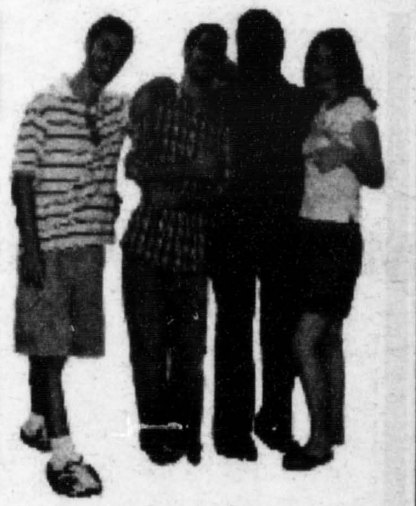
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How well do you know Braveheart

1. What was the name of William's friend who challenged him to a stone throwing contest when he returned home?
   a. Hamel
   b. Stephen
   c. Murron
   d. Hamish
2. What color was William Wallace's face paint?
   a. He didn't wear any
   b. Red
   c. Blue
   d. Black
3. To Longshanks on his deathbed, what did Princess Isabelle confess to being?
   a. Pregant
   b. of Scottish decent
   c. Gay
   d. Tiresom,e of his evil doings
4. What was the purpose of Princess Isabelle's visit to William in the cell the night before his scheduled torture and execution?
   a. To make love to him once more
   b. To tell him that she was pregant with his child
   c. To tell him his death would not be in vain
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5. Who does Wallace kiill with a ball and chain while he is in his bedroom
   a. Longshanks
   b. Robert the Bruce
   c. Mornay
   d. Murron

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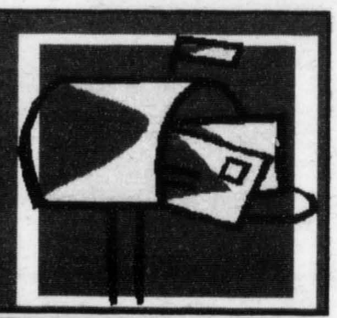
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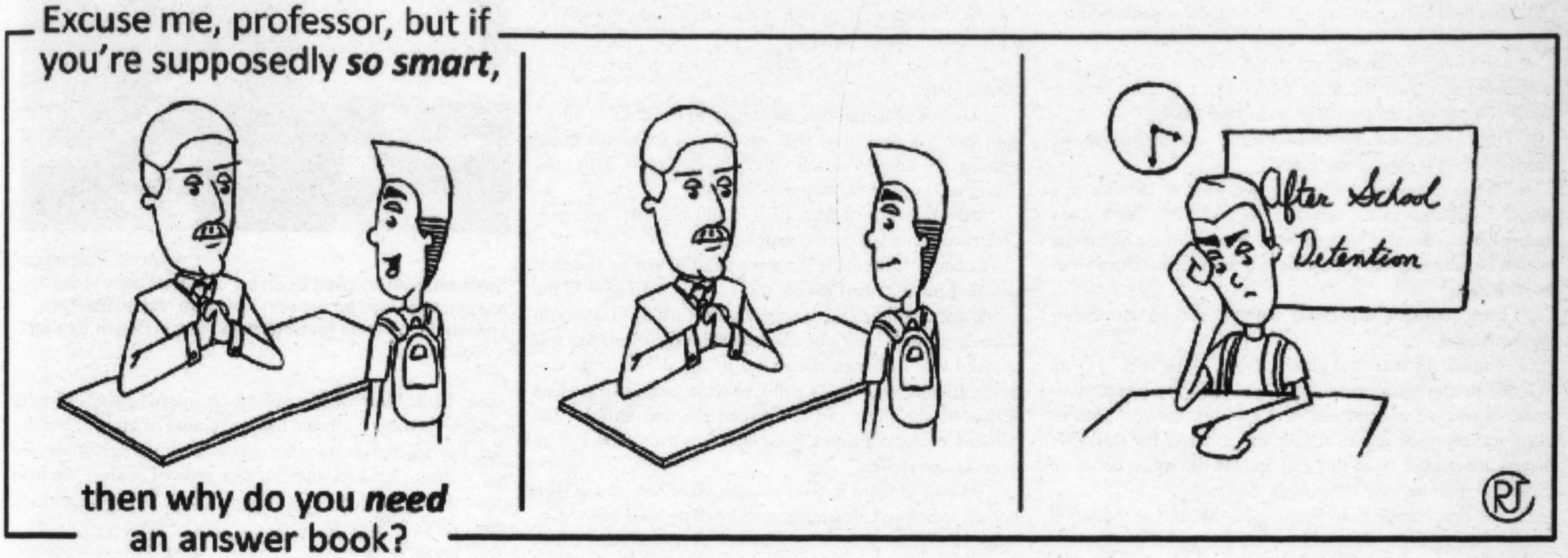
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Mansfield Boxing dominates home match with five men securing wins

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The Mansfield University Boxing Club hosted the Mansfield Boxing Invitational in Decker Gymnasium on Saturday Feb. 23.

The novice match was scheduled to begin at 3 p.m., but was combined with the main card event at 7 p.m. because some competitors dropped out of the invitational.

Head coach, Dr. Richard Gillespie, commented on the team's success at their home meet.

"We've never had more than two wins in 16 years in a match," Gillespie said. "Saturday, we had five - that's a real jump for us. We also won three of four fights against Army which is really impressive because they've never lost three bouts to us before."

Team captain Chris Phifer was very pleased with Saturday's matches.

"I think the team did phenomenal," Phifer said. "I think it's due to the team's work ethic this year. The boxers don't come in and out and box one week and then not box the next. This year everyone comes in everyday and does the work. We have a more solid team this year and we did much better on Saturday than we have in a couple of years."

The first competition placed John Mendez of Mansfield against William Goss of Lock Haven in a 147 pound weight class.

Throughout the three rounds, Mendez had difficulties getting inside.

"This was John's second fight," Gillespie said. "He has to learn how to get inside and fight during his matches the way he does during practice. But he's a gutsy fighter and we believe that we'll see many good things from him down the line."

Goss won the bout by a judges decision.

The second fight was between Stephen Nichols of Virginia Military Institute and Aaron Smith, an amateur boxer from Jersey Shore High School. The bout was fought at the 165 pound weight class.

The two men came out of their corners with aggression during the first round. Smith was able to get Nichols off-balance, but his wide punches created room for Nichols to throw straight jabs to the head. Smith went down on a slip during the first round, but instantly got back up. During the second, Nichols continued to make good contact and keep Smith from working inside. Entering the third, both fighters began to grow tired, but Smith was able to sneak in a strong shot to the head. After the three rounds, Nichols won the bout by a judges decision.

The third match was between Solomon Isom of Mansfield and Richard Newkirk of Virginia Military Institute in a 175 pound bout.

The fight did not make it past the first round when Newkirk was signaled to go to his corner after shot to the face by Isom. The match ended after Newkirk's nose began to bleed and the ring side doctor called the fight.

"I think it was a lucky shot," Isom said. "I have to train a lot more if I want to get better. I didn't really have a strategy gong into the fight. I just went in thinking 'stay calm.' I honestly thought he was going to knock me around the room when I saw how muscular he was. I think I stayed pretty calm throughout the match though."

After the fight, Gillespie decided that Isom was fit for regionals.

"This was Solomon's first fight," Gillespie said. "We started sparring with him a week ago and were very impressed with what we saw during the practices. Solomon knocked down his opponent probably only 30 seconds into the first round. He's a hard worker and is in excellent condition due to being a track athlete. Solomon is very fast and has an incredible left punch - but he's weaker with his right hand - that's something we're going to work on for regionals."

Isom commented on what he hopes to accomplish at regionals.

"My goals for regionals are simply to make it out alive," Isom said. "With a lot of training, I could see myself doing well though. Like my coach says, I have to get a right arm. Otherwise, I will be fighting one-handed."

Mike Cobaugh of Mansfield fought Michael Lisante of Lock Haven in a 190 pound match-up.

Cobaugh had trouble throwing jabs and getting inside of Lisante during the first round, but came out stronger in the second and controlled the momentum by backing Lisante into a corner. Lisante came out strong during the third, but was knocked down early in the round by a hard hit from Cobaugh. Lisante got back up, but Cobaugh once again got him up against the ropes and dominated the remainder of the round. Cobaugh's success came after receiving advice from team captain Phifer.

"As soon as Chris told me to push off of Lisante and then go back at him and hit straight, that's exactly what I did," Cobaugh said. "I think his advice, as well as Kyle Smith's advice to not give up and work the body is what helped me win the fight. The first two rounds were pretty tough and I knew I had to do something in the third or else I wouldn't win it."

Cobaugh was named winner by a judges decision.

"This was Mike's first win of the season," Gillespie said. "He lost one match last season and one match this season. He's a motivated and gutsy guy, but he has to get down to the 185 pound weight class - he's not built for the 190 weight class that he currently fights at. He did really well in the match though and is starting to develop a style of his own."

The last of the earlier scheduled fights was Josh Wisniewski of Lock Haven versus Addy Pizarro, also of Lock Haven in a 135 pound fight.

Both men have received All-American notoriety. Wisniewski was last years nationals gold medalist and three-time All-American while Pizarro received All-American honors twice.

The first round opened with Wisniewski able to dodge Pizarro's punches, but their quickness and the number of combinations thrown balanced out the momentum given from both sides. Going into the third, Pizarro was able to connect on more of his punches and consequently won the match by a judges decision.

The main card event began with Mansfield's Roi Ligon versus Danilo Garcia of Army in the 132 pound bout.

Ligon was a 2007 National All-American.

Even though Ligon came out aggressive, Garcia was able to trap Ligon, backing him up against the ropes and was able to throw more punches. Ligon attempted to turn Garcia around and gain better position, but was never able to counteract the number of punches thrown in his direction. During the second and third rounds, Ligon was unable to effectively work the body and didn't have his hands up, allowing Garcia an opportunity to throw hits to the face. Garcia won by the match by a judges decision.

"Roi has been confused the last two fights," Gillespie said. "He beat Trae Miller, last year's silver medalist at nationals, at Gettysburg and it was a beautiful fight. He was perfect. At Lock Haven, however, Roi was more hesitant. At home, we were telling him that he had to be more aggressive, but he took that as trying to fight inside. His fight against Garcia wasn't an inside fight. All the army fighters are inside fighters. Mendez needs to become an inside fighter because of his size, but not Roi. Roi has to fight from the outside with strong left jabs. He just needs to get back into his own style of boxing. We have three weeks to get him back into his style, however, and I'm sure he'll do well at regionals."

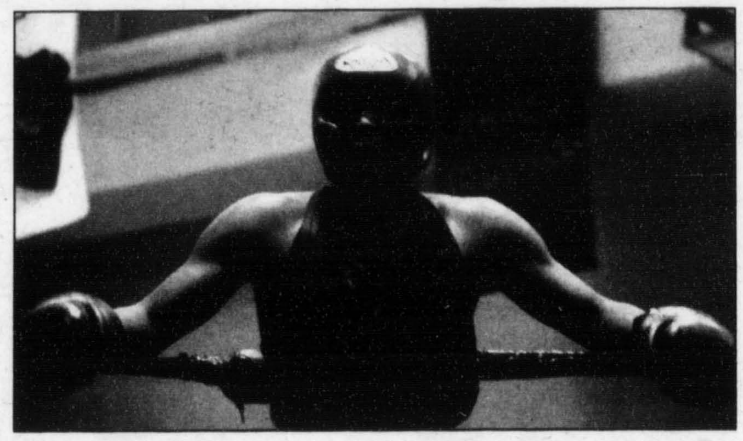


PHOTO BY MIKE LENGEL
Solomon Isom knocked down his opponent early in the first round and earned a spot with Roi Ligon, Jarrell Hill, Dan Lawrence and Chris Phifer at Regionals in Ocean City, MD.

"I need to start being more consistent with my style and stick to boxing and not brawling like I did on Saturday," Ligon said. "I came out too confident and didn't have a crisp technique or pace myself, so I got tired. I just wasn't comfortable, wasn't able to get in the zone, and fought reckless at the home match. Going to regionals, I want to win it all. I won't be satisfied unless I win the gold. I just need to continue doing what I've been working. I need to use my head and box the person."

At the 139 pound weight class, Jarrell Hill of Mansfield fought Johnny Garcia of Army.

Last year, Hill won a silver medal in regionals and bronze at nationals.

Round one was introduced by cheers from the home crowd in support of Hill. Hill controlled the momentum of the first round, backing up Garcia and keeping him on his toes. Hill was able to knock Garcia down during the end of round one and would not let up as the bout continued. Hill connected with his jabs during the second round and his unique style brought out stirs from the crowd.

"Hill has a good counter punch and a lot of power behind his punches," Gillespie said. "He fights with his hands down because of it. There are three styles of boxers. The first type is good from the outside, normally because they are tall or have a long reach, and they're normally pretty fast. The second kind is an inside fighter. Dan Lawrence is probably the only inside fighter we have. The last kind is what Hill is - a counter puncher. When an opponent comes at him, he counters him so fast that he ends up taking the other guy off of his style and makes him fight Jarrell's way."

"In the first round I watched how he threw punches. When he threw a left jab, he dropped his right. I could throw a right straight and it was easier to start combinations. It helped later in the round," Hill said.

Hill continued into the third round working Garcia's body and ended up winning the match by a judges decision.

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"Jarell turned that guy so he could never be inside and be effective," Gillespie said. "During the third round, Jarell was taunting his opponent and just had fun with him because he knew he had already gotten the points during the first two rounds. He taunted him because as soon as his opponent moved, he was able to smack him with a counter punch. He simply made his opponent box."

Dan Lawrence of Mansfield faced Will Myers of Army at the 165 weight class.

Lawrence was able to get inside of his opponent, working the body and consequently knocking him down during the first round.

Lawrence commented on his strengths during the fight.

"I tried to throw body punches because most people don't take them well," Lawrence said. "I just tried to maintain focus and make it a good fight."

After Myers got back up, Lawrence continued backing up Meyers, fueled by the cheers from the crowd. Lawrence entered the second round with energy and aggression. Myers tried to retaliate by attacking Lawrence with quick hits, but Lawrence was able to protect his body. In the final round, Lawrence slipped early on and also had difficulties trying to box his way out of tight situations. A low blow by Lawrence sent Myers down, but he was able to get back up and come at Lawrence even harder. Lawrence won the fight by a judges decision.

"Dan is gong to the regionals to fight at the 157 weight class and he can probably beat anyone in his class," Gillespie said. "The only problem is that he normally runs out of gas and gets exhausted by the third round. He built up so many points in the first two rounds that he was still able to get the win though. Dan and I weren't sure if he had won the fight, but he's good at defense and some judges can see that and take notice. Basically he just needs to be able to box all three rounds. If he can hold up, he should be able to do well at regionals."

The final fight of the night put Phifer up against Cedric Fraser of Army in a heavyweight bout.

Round one began with Fraser trying to work the inside on Phifer and successfully backing him up. However, as the rest of the match continued, Phifer began to pick up the momentum. During the final round, Phifer threw a series of combination punches that brought out cheers from the home crowd. Fraser tried to counteract by working the fight back inside, but ultimately lost the fight.

"He was a big guy but I felt confident and felt I was able to keep him controlled throughout the fight," Phifer said. "I should have stayed outside more, but my strategy changed a little bit after I started fighting him because he was charging me a lot. During my last match, I had problems getting free when a guy would rush me. I worked on that a lot and was turning him around a lot more during this match. However, he wasn't controlled and he was very repetitive in his punches. I was able to read him well and work at him a little differently because I was able to figure out his pattern. I connected with a lot of my punches and had cleaner shots than he did, so that's probably why I won the fight."

Coach Gillespie commented on the win.

"The judges count who gets the most clean shots," Gillespie said. "Even though it seemed like Fraser was hitting Chris a lot, his shots didn't count because they were at Chris's kidneys. There are not a lot of good heavy weights in the East, so I'm sure Chris will be able to qualify when he goes to regionals."

Phifer commented on the fan turnout during their home invitational.

"The boxing team wants to say thank you for all the support we got on Saturday," Phifer said. "It always means a lot to us."

The invitational was the team's final bout before they travel to Ocean City, Md. for the Eastern Regionals from March 14 through 16. Mansfield will send Isom, Ligon, Hill, Lawrence and Phifer to compete.

"Roi and Jarell are going to excel at regionals," Phifer said. "They'll place one or two without a doubt. If Dan fights the way he could, he definitely has a chance at placing."

Swimmers earn personal bests at final championship meet

By NICOLE HAGAN
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The Mansfield swim team finished out their 2007-2008 season with four girls competing at the PSAC Championships Feb. 21-24 at Cumberland Valley High School.

Senior Maureen Maikner, junior Tricia Learn, sophomore Sarah Koontz and freshman Katie Stillittano all competed at the championship meet.

"I think we swam really strong," Koontz said. "Maureen swam well and had a personal best in the 200 breaststroke. Her time was .7 seconds off of the school record. Tricia also did well and got a personal best in the 200 backstroke. It was a really fast meet and I feel we did well considering we only had four girls competing."

Maikner competed in the 200 yard individual medley on Friday, placing 29 with a time of 2:22.66. Maikner also competed on Saturday, placing 20 in the 100 yard butterfly with a time of 1:04.21. Maikner's 18 place finish in the 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:13.28 was the race that brought her within .7 seconds of beating the school record.

"It was really interesting how Maureen handled her time," Koontz said. "She was upset with herself for not getting the record, but instead of doing a time trial to try to beat the record (for no points), she just sat back and said 'I'm not going to do it.' She just let it go and decided to end the season and her college swimming career on a strong note. She was okay with what had happened and was willing to accept what she achieved."

This was Maikner's final swim meet of her collegiate career.

"It's definitely going to be different next year," Koontz said. "The team dynamic won't be the same without Maureen. She's a strong driving force on the team and is always bubbly, positive, and energizing. It'll definitely be different without her here."

Learn went to the championships with two years of PSAC experience already under her belt. Beginning on Thursday, Learn placed 23 in the 1000 yard freestyle (11:22.72). On Friday, Learn competed in the 500 yard freestyle and earned 26 place with a time of 5:32.71. Lastly, on Saturday, Learn swam the 200 yard backstroke earning her highest finish of the championship in 11 place (2:14.99).

"Doing so well in the backstroke, a race I just started this year, it was sort of unreal," Learn said. "I'm usually placed near the bottom of the stack when I get to PSAC's as you can see by my 500 and 1000 places. When I found out I made finals it was just amazing. Coach helped me so much in the backstroke this year. From the beginning of the season to the end – I had an eight second improvement, which is almost unheard of. In the 1000 and 400, I swam right at my personal records – so I was satisfied with how I did. I'm glad with my overall season this year – now I'm just ready to get back into track."

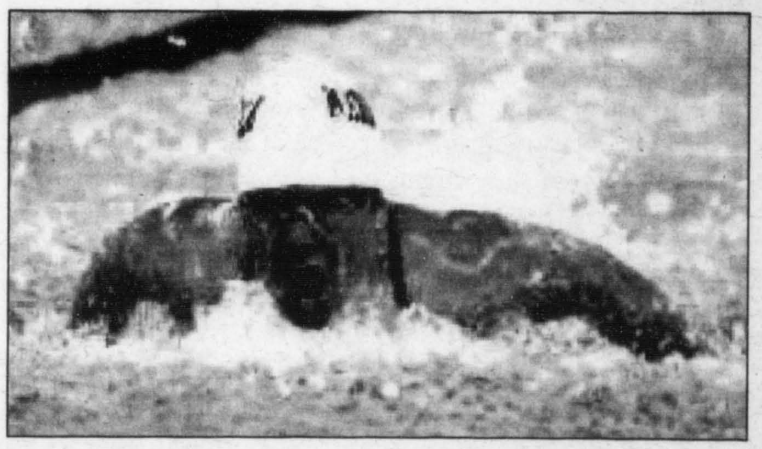
Learn had also qualified for the 400 yard individual medley; however swimmers are only allowed to swim in three events, so she was unable to race it.

Maikner and Learn also joined teammates Koontz and Stillittano in the relays. On Friday, the women participated in the 400 yard medley relay (4:25.50) as well as the 200 yard freestyle relay (1:51.39). The next day, the team swam in the 200 yard medley relay (2:02.46) and on Sunday, they competed in the 400 freestyle relay (4:01.66). In all four races, Mansfield finished in 13 place out of the 13 female swim teams that participated.

"Our first two races were the 200 freestyle and the 400 medley," Koontz said. "I felt really strong during these races and achieved a personal, overall season, best of 58:00.00. However, by the end of the meet everyone was getting tired. You have to swim each race twice every day – once to figure out your preliminary times and then another in the finals. By the end of the week, it was tough. Sunday I wasn't racing as well because I was tired and started getting a head cold on Friday night. But even through all that, I feel we did well."

Mansfield finished out the meet placing 13 in the overall team scores with 38 points.

"It was a really fast meet," Koontz said. "West Chester and Clarion had girls there to qualify for nationals. They were there to swim fast and win. It was a fun, big meet."



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Maureen Maikner, the team's lone senior, came within .7 seconds of beating school record in the 200 breaststroke at the PSAC Championships this year. With a time of 1:13.28, Maikner placed 18.

This year, the team is not only saying goodbye to the 2007-2008 season and senior Maikner, but the team also has to say goodbye to head Coach Danita Fox. Fox was Mansfield's longest serving head coach in women's swimming history. This year was her 11 year.

"It's really sad," Koontz said. "We all had such an incredible year. Swimming becomes such a big part of your life – so while we're happy to have more free time, it's heartbreaking at the same time. Coach is leaving Friday and that's going to be a major adjustment whenever the new swim coach (whoever that may be) comes in. The relationship we have with coach is amazing. She's very open and welcoming person and is always there to give us advice. Throughout the season, we'd joke and tease her about everything. We'd like to keep her around, but we realize there's nothing we can do about it. We're going to continue doing what we need to do and not stop because someone new is coming in."

Mountaineers keep playoff hopes alive with win over West Chester

By NICOLE HAGAN AND DANELLE MILLER
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The Mansfield Men's basketball team defeated West Chester University on Saturday, Feb. 23 to keep them in the running for a shot at the playoffs.

Mansfield defeated the Golden Rams 60-57.

Head men's basketball coach, Rich Miller, commented on the team's overall play.

"We did solid jobs on defense," Miller said. "We didn't give up easy baskets to West Chester and on offense we shot 48 percent from floor. The only low point of the night was the 24 turnovers we made. We should really only fall within 12 and 16 turnovers, at most."

The scoring began with a three-pointer from West Chester's sophomore guard Kehinde Roberts, but the lead never remained with any side for too long. Throughout the entire game, there were a total of 19 lead changes and seven ties.

Senior forward Brandon Lawley commented on the tight scoring.

"The main reason for the close game was the defense from both teams," Lawley said. "As a team, we are just focusing more on defense because our offense is already there. We're currently ranked number one in the PSAC in scoring – we just have to stop the other team from scoring. Our defense was great the entire game and we made them take very difficult shots. Every shot West Chester took was contested and there were very little second chance opportunities for them. We, as a team, are starting to get back on track and we will be a threat in the playoffs."

Less than five minutes into the first half, Mansfield took their first lead of the night with a layup from freshman forward Yuseff Carr to make the score 8-7. Even though the lead fluctuated throughout the course of the game, Mansfield managed to gain their largest lead with a three-pointer from senior forward/guard Kevin Hill at the 9:36 mark. A three-pointer from Roberts with three seconds remaining in the first half left the game tied 28-28 as both teams went into the locker room.

Lawley commented on Mansfield's mentality going back into the second half.

"One of our goals coming into the second half was to keep their bigs off the glass and keep the ball out of their hands because Roberts already had 12 points at the half," Lawley said. "Another thing we had to do is be more careful with our passes because we were turning it over left and right."

Mansfield had a total of 12 turnovers during the first half.

"At times we just rushed a lot and forced it into the post when the bigs were set," Lawley said. "Other than that, we just tried to push the ball a little too much and it led to turnovers."

Half of Mansfield's 28 points during the first 20 minutes came from a combined effort by Lawley and Carr who put up 14 points and 12 rebounds.

"I feel we did a great job feeding the big guys the ball because I, for one, was hungry to score," Lawley said. "Yuseff made great moves and finished on command and allowed us to be a big threat."

The second half continued like the first with a total of 12 lead changes and four ties.

Coming off the bench, sophomore guard Chris Pender and sophomore point guard Seth Cornell added to the team's overall efforts during the second half.

"For starters, Chris Pender hit three 3-pointers in the second half which was well needed and Seth Cornell had three big assists that allowed us to take the lead late in the second half," Lawley said. "Everyone else helped a lot when they stepped on the floor."

Miller agreed and felt that Pender and Cornell played well off the bench.

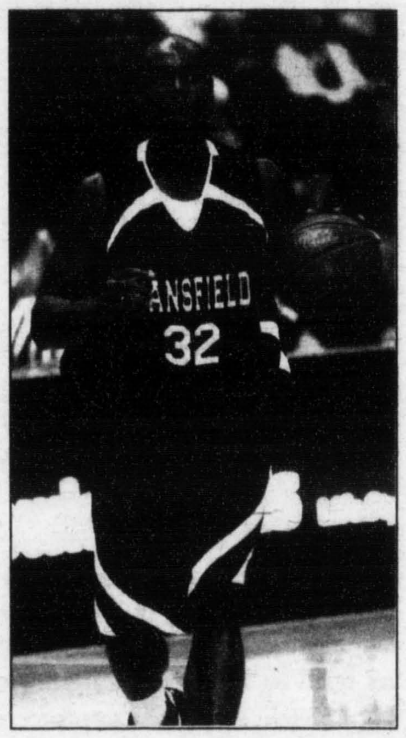
"Both Pender and Seth played excellent," Miller said. "Seth was able to take care of the ball and take control of the game by playing excellent defense - he was relentless and aggressive. Seth is a competitor and works hard. Pender did good with rebounding. He's a player that makes good decisions and few mental mistakes. He's the type of player you want out there because he's a smart defender. Both of them gave us a big lift and I'm sure they'll help in Wednesday's game."

With West Chester up 57-56 and 38 seconds left in the game, senior guard John Hampton was able to reclaim the lead for Mansfield with a jump shot that put the Mountaineers up 58-57. Twenty-eight seconds later, two foul shots from Carr sealed the win for Mansfield. West Chester's Roberts tried to get a three-point shot off at the buzzer, but only managed to hit the front of the rim. After Mansfield's past three loses, they were finally able to bring home a win with the defeat of West Chester 60-57. Mansfield broke a three game losing streak with the win.

High scorers/rebounders of the night were Lawley and Carr. Lawley earned his fifth double-double of the season with 14 points and a game high 13 rebounds while Carr contributed with 14 points and eight rebounds.

"Going into this game we knew we had to play smart, play hard, and play together to get this very important victory," Lawley said. "We held West Chester to 60 points and won the game. While we unfortunately had many turnovers and we were very careless with the ball, we still shot 48 percent from the field."

Saturday's game was the third game out of Mansfield's last four where the game has been within three points.



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Mansfield must now beat East Stroudsburg at East Stroudsburg on Wednesday night, defeat Bloomsburg in their final home game of the season, and hope that East Stroudsburg loses at Kutztown in order to gain the final playoff berth.

Cheyney, Kutztown and Millersville have already earned a spot in the PSAC East conference playoffs. Mansfield with a record of 4-6 trails East Stroudsburg who has a 5-5 record. Even though Mansfield beat East Stroudsburg 83-81 earlier in the conference season in overtime, East Stroudsburg has wins over both Cheyney and Millersville.

"Right now the team is focused on one thing and that is to win out," Lawley said. "We prepared and worked hard this season and now is the time to make it happen. The only person that can beat us is ourselves – and that is not even in question. Within the next two games we will prepare and be ready for anything that comes our way. We are coming for that last playoff spot."

Women suffer setback in conference with loss to West Chester

By CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University women's basketball team dropped a PSAC East game to West Chester Saturday afternoon at West Chester University.

West Chester started the game off by scoring the first seven points before sophomore forward Merissa Gaeta made one of two free throws to put Mansfield on the scoreboard. The first time Mansfield made a field goal was when junior guard Clarissa Correll stole the ball from West Chester's Catherine Andrews and made a layup to make the score 11-3.

West Chester had a dominating lead going into halftime 44-20.

"The atmosphere was quiet except for when Coach Hermansen was talking to us," senior Jeannette Meacham said. "She was telling us to just play like it is a new half."

Mansfield, being a second half team throughout the season, followed head coach Ruth Hermansen's words. In the second half, the Mountaineers held West Chester to 38 points while scoring 37 points themselves to make the final score 82-57.

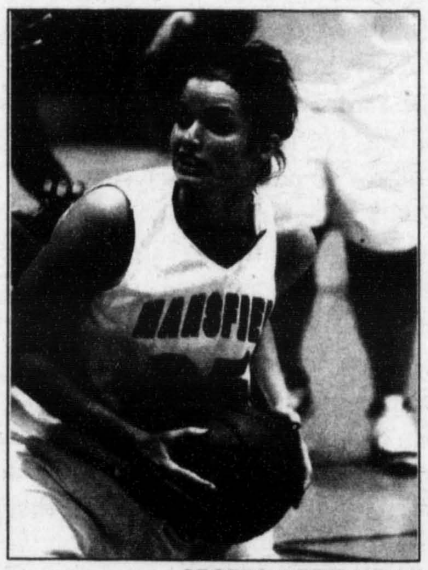
Alicia Espigh was the top scorer for Mansfield with 20 points. Eighteen of her points were from her 6-9 three-pointers. The other two points were two successful free throws. Other top scorers for the Mountaineers were Correll with 10 and a team high six assists and Meacham with seven points. All of Meacham's seven points were scored in the second half.

"In the first and second half they were not covering me as much," Meacham said, "but the second half is when I started to open up more and make my shots."

Top rebounders for Mansfield were senior guard Kelli Eastman with five and Gaeta and Meacham with four each.

Mansfield had 25 turnovers and only five steals compared to West Chester's 16 turnovers and 15 steals. Correll had seven turnovers and Courtney Brooks had five. The steals for Mansfield came from five different players: Gaeta, Meacham, Correll, Eastman and Brittany Reed.

Mansfield travels to East Stroudsburg Wednesday Feb. 27 and hosts Bloomsburg Saturday Mar. 1.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Merissa Gaeta was one of the top rebounders in Saturday's game against West Chester with 5.

Katie Foster, DMR team and Blake Smith break school records

By BRYANT RAGER
Flashlight Sports Writer

Mansfield University's track and field team divided up and competed at Kent State University in Ohio and at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, Sat., Feb. 23.

The men's distance medley relay (DMR) and sophomore Katie Foster ended the weekend by breaking school records in their respective events.

The DMR team consisting of Bryan Falcone, Dave Sanford, Victor Garcia and Chris Cummings placed second overall at Kent State. The relay team set a new record with a time of 9:57.51, which broke the previous record they set earlier this year. Along with the school record the team has a possible birth to the NCAA Division II Indoor Track and Field National Championships.

Also at the Kent State meet freshman Joe Stanek finished 19 in the mile run with a time of 4:25.41. Stanek's fellow freshman teammate Sean Vollenweider placed 33 with a time of 4:32.78.

Sophomore Katie Foster broke a school record in the triple jump at Cornell. Foster jumped 36-9, beating the previous school record of 36-2. The jump also qualified her for the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference meet this weekend. Along with her new school record, Foster also jumped a personal best in the high jump with a leap of 5-1. The jump earned her a sixth place finish in the event.

Senior teammate Katrina Brumfield placed fourth in the high jump with a height of 5-3. Brumfield also competed in the 60 meter dash and the 200 meter dash. Brumfield finished the 60 with a time of 8.21. The time qualified Brumfield for the conference meet. Brumfield rounded out the day with a seventh place finish in the 200 with a time of 27.46.

Sophomore Erica Ferguson also qualified for the conference in the 400 meter dash. Ferguson ran a time of 1:01.72. She also finished eighth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 27.60.

Irene Primmer ran a personal best in the 3,000 meter run with a time of 11:18.10. Fellow teammate Sarah Pinkowski finished the mile run in a time of 5:49.03.

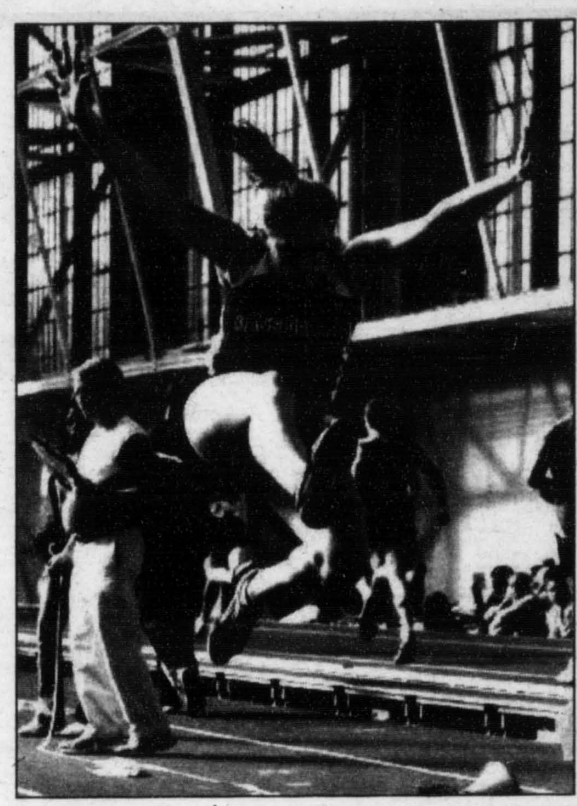
Freshman Ryan Kelly and senior Lindzie Foster competed in the 800 meter run. Kelly finished in 18 with a time of 2:31.00. Foster finished in 19 with a time of 2:34.66.

Freshman Abbie Waltz competed in the 60 meter hurdles. She finished with a time of 10.38, which earned her 12 place.

Blake Smith placed sixth in the 600 meter run. His time of 1:26.81 established a new school record in the event.

The Mansfield University track and field team will compete in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference meet next weekend at East Stroudsburg University.

The team has two more meets after the Athletic Conference. They will travel to the ICAAAA/ ECAC meet in Boston from March 7-8 and on March 14-15 the team will attend NCAA championship in Boston.



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Experienced team looks to compete in PSAC play

By ERIC BOHANNON
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Last season the Mansfield University softball team had only two seniors and several junior college transfers with no experience playing Division II softball.

What a difference a year makes. This season the softball team features seven seniors and many returning players with experience, as well as a freshmen class that is expecting to contribute playing time.

"Last year we had so many transfers. The leadership that we have this year has been a tremendous help to get the rookies at the playing level we need them at," head coach Edith Gallagher said. "Our seniors are going to make some significant contributions this year."

The team has three senior pitchers on the team that have a wealth of experience. Michelle Forsburg was a transfer last year and became the leader of the pitching team, winning all seven games for the Mountaineers last season. Lindsay Knapp and Whitney Brown both have pitched a significant amount of innings in the past.

"Having three pitchers gives the whole team confidence to whatever pitcher we put out there. They know they can pitch a great ball game and will be in the game," Gallagher said. "Right now between our one through three pitchers it has been a battle to see who the one, two and three pitchers are going to be, which is nice to see."

A new addition to the team has been assistant coach Angie Stackhouse. Stackhouse is in charge of the pitchers and catchers.

"The pitchers and catchers have made significant gains in the last half year," Gallagher said. "Having coach Stackhouse has given us the ability to have individual workouts which we weren't able to do before."

Offensively, the Mountaineers return their top two threats with senior outfielder Shana Markwis and shortstop Jess Christ. The duo was either first or second in all major offensive categories including batting average, at bats, runs scored and hits.

"We didn't have a lot of help in the batting order last year and teams were able to pitch around them" Gallagher said. "This year the big change is to give them more support in the line up."

Senior first baseman Amanda Lewis and sophomore infielder Gabriella Carrullo are two players who are expected to step up this season.

"Amanda is swinging the bat tremendously and has made a tremendous transition this year while Carrullo has been doing a great job as well," Gallagher said. "We have a couple of rookies who will fill in some gaps for us."

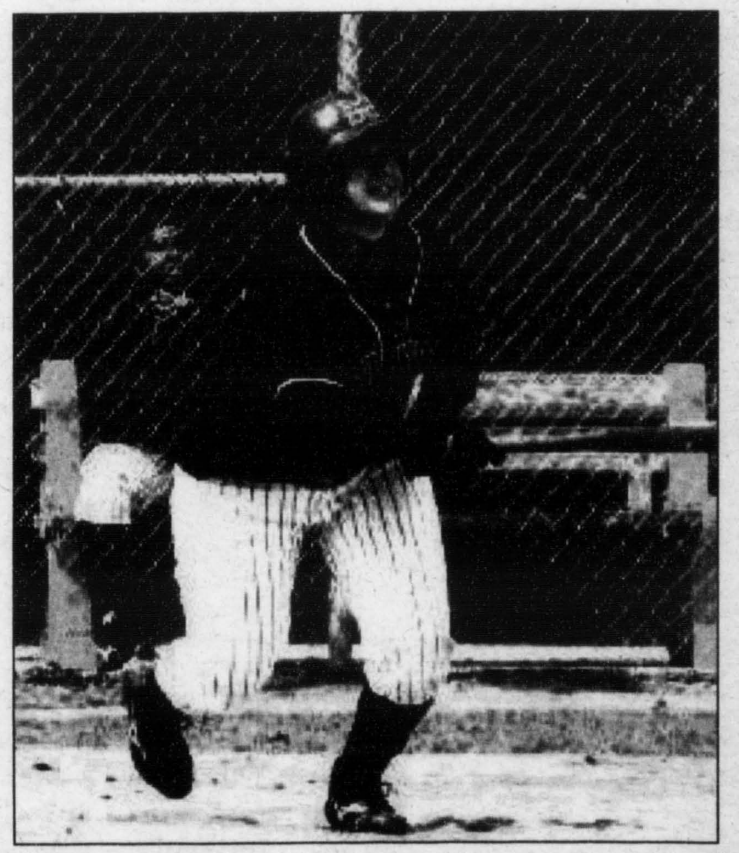
The Mountaineers have several upperclassmen returning on the infield, but third base is still up for grabs between junior Katie McConville and freshman Sarah Cullen. Markwis will move from center field to left field while freshman Megan Trutt will take over center.

"Shana originally played left and that is a better position for her to use her speed and quickness," Gallagher said. "To keep a freshman like Trutt in center for four years will be a help."

Another freshman, Nicole Yost, and junior Danielle Kiernan will look to play right field while Brown can play right field when she is not pitching.

"Our goals for the year are to win 20 plus games and return to the playoffs," Gallagher said.

The softball team will open its season against North Carolina Wesleyan at the Snowbird Tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C. and will open PSAC East play March 28 when they host West Chester at 2 p.m.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Jess Christ is a senior shortstop and a threat for the Mountaineer women. Christ was either first or second in all major offensive categories last season.

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Mountaineer Baseball aims to get back on track this season

By ERIC BOHANNON
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

The 2008 version of the Mansfield baseball team features six transfers and has depth at every position.

The team has high expectations where the ultimate goal is to make it to the college world series.

"Practice is going great so far," head coach Harry Hillson said. "We got rained out last weekend so we're getting antsy to get outside and get going."

Last season was the third time in 21 seasons as head coach of the Mountaineers that Hillson's club finished with a losing record. The biggest difference between this year and last year will be the pitching staff.

"Our pitching from last year will be much improved," Hillson said. "We got some young guys back from last year who are going to be major contributors and we have a lot of new guys."

The first addition was assistant coach Chris Francis. Francis will work with the pitchers.

"The biggest thing is he revamped our pitching staff," Hillson said. "We got somebody to work with the pitching staff and be around everyday."

Irvin Sleighter is a transfer from Frederick Community College and is expected to be the number one pitcher this season. Eric Rosenberger led last year's team with a 2.87 ERA as a sophomore and will be the number two.

"He was probably our best pitcher last year as a freshman," Hillson said. "He's improved a lot from last year."

The number three starter will be sophomore transfer Justin Garcia who transferred from Orange Community College.

"Garcia and Sleighter throw 90-92 mile per hour all day long and Rosenberger is more of your typical lefty throwing 85-86 mph," Hillson said.

Shane Ryan will be the fourth starter. A wide variety of players will be vying for the fifth starter position, such as Zach Ullrich and Tyler Noel.

"Noel and Ullrich will be major contributors for us either out of the bullpen or as a starter," Hillson said."

LaSalle transfer Chris Zelko and Frederick County Community College transfer Chad Smith, who received All-Maryland Junior College honors last year, will contribute either as a starter or out of the bullpen as well.

Mike Martin, Joe Will and Rick Stewart will add depth to the bullpen.

"Stewart has dropped down to side arm, which has made him a little tougher," Hillson said. "He's going to be a guy that comes in at the end of a game."

Trevor Tellip and Nate Grove are two pitchers on the team who also play a position. Tellip is an infielder while Grove plays right field.

"Grove is a possible starter, while Tellip is a bullpen guy," Hillson said.

Offensively the Mountaineers look to be solid as two players return from injury and the addition of another transfer. Abe Yeakel is a transfer from Liberty who will see time at first base while third baseman Cody Stinger returns from an injury and left fielder Ryan Riley also returns from an injury. Matt Young will return at second base after starting 37 games last year. Young could move to the outfield to give Drew Bair the second base job.

"We got to find a place for Drew to play," Hillson said. "He's good enough to start."

Ryan Giblin returns after starting every game the past two seasons at shortstop. Last year Giblin hit .291 and was named second team All-PSAC East. Sophomore Chris Coleman will be the designated hitter after appearing in 14 games last year as a freshman.

Junior Chris Miller returns in center field after hitting .344 last year as a first year starter. Grove started in 33 games last year and hit .280 on the season and will play right.

Tony Battisti and Justin Baer will split the catching duties. Baer appeared in 16 games last season while Battisti appeared in five games with one start.

"We only have three seniors on the team this year so we have a lot of guys that are young and need some seasoning," Hillson said. "We're still young this year, but we should have enough to compete in the conference."

The baseball team travels to California (PA) on Saturday March 1 and will travel to Florida over spring break to play 13 games. The Mountaineers first PSAC game will be March 21 at Shippensburg.

Coming up in Mountie Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Feb. 28	29	Mar. 1 - Baseball @ California (PA), noon - Men's Basketball vs Bloomsburg, 3 p.m. - Women's Basketball vs Bloomsburg, 1 p.m. - Indoor Track & Field @ East Stroudsburg, PSAC Conference	2 - Indoor Track & Field @ East Stroudsburg, PSAC Conference	3	4 - Men's Basketball PSAC Playoff - Quarterfinal - Women's Basketball PSAC Playoff - Quarterfinal	5
6 - Baseball @ CW Post @ Lynn, 10 am & Lynn @ 2:30 p.m.	7 - Baseball @ Wilmington, 1 p.m. - Men's Basketball PSAC Playoff - Semifinal - Women's Basketball PSAC Playoff - Semifinal - Indoor Track & Field @ Boston, ICAAAA/ ECAC	8 - Men's Basketball PSAC Championship - Women's Basketball PSAC Championship - Indoor Track & Field @ Boston, ICAAAA/ ECAC	9 - Baseball @ Northwood, 9 am & Slippery Rock, 12:30 p.m.	10 - Baseball @ Manhattanville, 10 am	11 - Baseball @ University of Pittsburgh-Johnstown, 12:30 p.m.	12 - Baseball @ St. Thomas, 4 p.m. - Swimming NCAA Division II Nationals

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Today's Weather
AM Snow Showers/
Wind

High- 38°F
Overnight Low- 24°F

Men Who Cook: Bringing faculty, staff and students together

By BEKA BROWN
Flashlight Writer

The fourth Men Who Cook dinner was held on Feb. 28 at Corey Creek Clubhouse.

The Mansfield University Women's Studies program hosted the event, which benefits the Ann Mabe Scholarship fund and the Mansfield Foundation.

Dr. Judith Sornberger, an English and modern languages professor, was one of the organizers of the event. She explained that Mabe was an anthropology professor at Mansfield University. "She was one of the first to teach women's studies at the university and we wanted to do something to memorialize her," Sornberger said. The scholarship benefits women's studies majors.

From 6-9 p.m., Men Who Cook featured 18 chefs made up of assorted staff, faculty and community members. The food prepared represented cultures from around the world. A silent auction and music from Cornpone Sally and Dave Schaffer were also featured.



PHOTO BY BEKA BROWN

Men Who Cook benefits the Ann Mabe Scholarship fund and the Mansfield Foundation.

Dr. Denise Seigart was the other main organizer of the event. She said that she has seen progress in the event over the four years it has been held. "Every year it's better and every year we have more people, more money, more chefs and the chefs are getting better every year," Seigart said.

One of the unique features of Men Who Cook was the casual interaction between students and faculty. Senior Jon Pemings is an Environmental Science and Geography major who enjoyed this aspect of the event. "They're [the faculty] on the same level as us when we're here," Pemings said. "We're just hungry people who want to hang out."

Tim Dempsey is the head coach for the women's soccer team and a second time participant at Men Who Cook. He explained that the evening was a chance for him to give back.

"A lot of the faculty and administration support our program and it's nice to interact with them," Dempsey said.

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Mansfield faculty holds panel discussion on censorship

By CARRIE GOODYEAR
Flashlight Features Editor

Communication faculty discussed censorship in the media at the lecture series on Feb. 27 at 4 p.m. in Alumni Hall Student Center.

Dr. Lee Wright opened the panel discussion talking about the history of censorship. Wright opened with a definition of censorship. "The simplest definition of censorship is the act of changing a message including elimination of the message from the sender to the receiver," Wright said.

Wright went on to explain how not all types of censorship are bad. "An example of when censorship would be okay is when a police informant needs to be protected," Wright said. He also talked about the court case of FCC vs. Pacifica. This case involved George Carlin's 'Seven Dirty Words you can't say on television.' This was the court case that led to what we know today as 'safe harbor hours.'

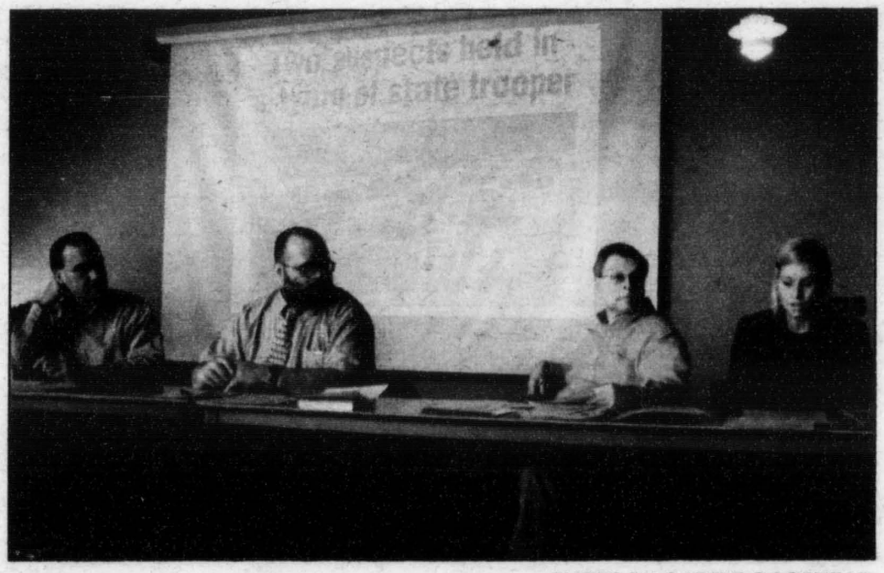


PHOTO BY CARRIE GOODYEAR

James Lohrey, Dan Mason and Gary McIntyre listen as Holly Pieper discusses censorship and print media.

"Isn't it interesting," Wright said. "Our society is much more accepting of violence than it is of sexual content."

Wright then proceeded to talk about how where we get our news from changes our perspective on things. About 10 minutes before coming to the panel, Wright checked the top three headlines on CNN and Fox News. All top three stories from Fox News were about the current political race. The CNN headlines were about inflation and some court sentencing that had gone on the night before.

"Sometimes we censor ourselves through our own fears," Wright said.

Professor Holly Pieper spoke about editorial discretion. Pieper spoke about how the Ithaca Journal and the Star Gazette showed a picture of a fallen officer. 90% of the opinion papers after the photo ran were angered readers.

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Weekly Weather

TODAY

AM Snow Showers/ Wind

High: 38 Low: 24

FRIDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 38 Low: 22

SATURDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 39 Low: 22

SUNDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 41 Low: 25

MONDAY

Mostly Cloudy

High: 38 Low: 22

TUESDAY

Mostly Cloudy

High: 44 Low: 27

WEDNESDAY

Snow Shower

High: 41 Low: 29

Information taken from www.weather.com

Info-To-Go

Campus Bulletin Board Mansfield University

-The new spring edition of the Careers for College Graduates booklet has been placed on the Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission website. To access the new edition, log on to the website at www.scsc.state.pa.us. Under the Job Information heading select College Graduates. The booklet is available in both pdf and text formats. This booklet is designed to assist students to discover the types of job opportunities available with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It provides job titles for which a student may qualify based on the degree they will have earned.

- Annual Job/Opportunities Fair from 12 - 5 p.m. on April 1 in KFC. Business casual attire required.

- The Association of Concert Bands is presenting nine free concerts at the Corning Museum of Glass Auditorium.

• Wednesday April 2 -
8 p.m. - U.S. Military Academy Band At West Point - must reserve free tickets by emailing caccband@gmail.com or by calling 962-0707.
• Thursday April 3 -
7:30 p.m. - Hornell Area Wind Ensemble*
8:40 p.m. - East Winds Symphonic Band*
• Friday April 4 -
7:30 p.m. - Repasz Band*
8:40 p.m. - East Winds Symphonic Band*
• Saturday April 5 -
2 p.m. - Chesapeake Brass Band*
3:10 p.m. - Honeoye Falls Community CB*
7:30 p.m. - ACB Convention Band*
8:40 p.m. - Corning Area Community CB*
*no tickets required

- Intramural Sports
• March 20 at 8 p.m. -
Flag football roster due and captain meeting
• March 20 at 8:30 p.m. -
Co-ed softball roster due and captain meeting
• Coming soon -
Indoor soccer and co-ed basketball

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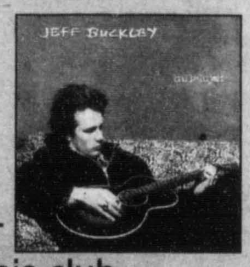
"A lot of the faculty and administration support our program and it's nice to interact with them," Dempsey said.

Jim Harrington is the Vice President of Student Affairs at Mansfield University. He was pleased with the turnout, but was hopeful that more students will attend next year.

"It's such a festive event. People are here to support the women's studies program and it's nice to socialize with some great people and incredible food," Harrington said. "I think one of the things we can do is each faculty and staff member who comes here should sponsor two students. It's so inexpensive and it would be a great experience for them."

Seigart encouraged students who weren't in attendance to come next year. "Give up whatever party it is you're at," Seigart said. "It isn't as good as ours."

Entertainment Corner



Top Digital Singles: Courtesy of billboard.com

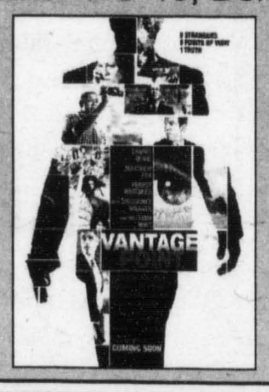
1.) **Jeff Buckley** - Hallelujah
2.) **Usher Ft. Young Jeezy** - Love in this club
3.) **Jordin Sparks w. Chris Brown** - No Air
4.) **Sara Bareilles** - Love Song
5.) **Flo Rida Featuring T-Pain** - Low





Top Movies: Courtesy of imdb.com

1.) **Horton Hears a Who** - G, Jim Carrey
2.) **10,000 B.C.** - PG-13, Camilla Belle
3.) **Never Back Down** - PG-13, Sean Faris
4.) **College Roadtrip** - G, Martin Lawrence
5.) **Vantage Point** - PG-13, Dennis Quaid



Webster defines tolerance as "a fair and permissive attitude toward those whose race, religion and nationally differ from one's own." Given that definition, how tolerant are you? Quite often, someone's race, religion or sexual orientation is used as the reason for the abuse that is being perpetrated against them. NO ONE deserves to be abused - NO ONE! If you would like more information or if you would like to speak with an advocate to discuss you situation please call HAVEN at 570-724--3549 or 1-800-550-0447. All services are free and confidential.

Spotlight on Campus:



Lee Bostic

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Lee Bostic is the Assistant Director of Admissions and Coordinator of Minority Recruitment at Mansfield University.

Bostic has been located in the Mansfield area for quite some time. He attended Mansfield University as a student. He worked with Laurel Youth Services in Blossburg as a counselor, Assistant Educational Supervisor, a Case Worker, and a Shift Supervisor.

He also worked as an accountant for the Soldiers and Sailors hospital in Wellsboro for a year. After that he came to Mansfield University and worked in the Students Accounts Office for three years, Payroll for a year, and he joined Admissions in 2002.

Bostic is constantly traveling as part of his duties. Bostic says that travel is both the easiest and the hardest thing about his job. "I have three daughters and as they get older and more involved, it's increasingly difficult to not be here for their activities. I absolutely hate telling them that I can't make a game or chaperone a trip," Bostic said. "However, I typically travel with admissions counselors from all over the place. We're together so much it's like an extended family of sorts. It doesn't make it easier, but they help make travel tolerable."

In the fall, Bostic visits schools, college fairs, and anywhere else representing Mansfield University. He spends his weekends reviewing files, making decisions, and reviewing for possible scholarship candidates. He administers the Board of Governor Scholarship, and tries to get them awarded before the end of the fall semester.

In the spring Bostic attempts to bring between five and 10 schools to Mansfield University. He reviews files and sends out notices to prospective students and high school guidance counselors regarding incomplete and missing files such as SAT scores.

He also reviews files for ACT 101 which is a program Mansfield offers for students that have the academic potential for success based on their high school information, but may not have tested well. Bostic and the rest of Admissions meet with families that are visiting campus and want individual meetings.

Aside from Bostic's office duties, he is the advisor for two organizations: Men for Progress and Phi Beta Lambda. "Basically, I try to be as available for them as I can if they need anything, but it's difficult to do that and travel, especially in the fall semester," Bostic said.

Bostic helps plan the bus trips to visit Mansfield's campus. "Although I may coordinate these days, they are definitely not possible without my co-workers," Bostic said. "Planning these events involves many offices: Dining Services, Academic Advising, Admissions and the use of student workers, coordinating the tour guides, arranging the bus and coordinating the panel discussion with current students."

In order to make Mansfield University diverse, the university recruits predominantly in cities where there is a high concentration of Black, Hispanic, Asian and Native American students. This includes Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, the Lehigh Valley, Harrisburg, Erie, the Pocono area, Williamsport, Washington DC and both upstate NY and NYC.

"There is so much that can be learned from each other as we are all different in so many ways. A campus that is diverse essentially can imitate what the real world will be like for students when they leave campus," Bostic said. "Whether it's recruiting additional students of color, or students with various sexual orientations, having a more diverse campus will just open up eyes and help everyone relate better."

Lee Bostic feels that he can confidently speak about Mansfield, and tell prospective students about experiences here. He participates in activities on campus such as the Open Mic Nights and sporting events. "It makes any job easy when you can confidently speak about what you're doing," Bostic said.

Bostic's best experiences working at Mansfield are his office, support staff, director, and other admissions counselors. "When you enter into a professional career, it's a bonus to have a group of people that work well together because it makes the little annoying things tolerable," Bostic said.

Helping students making college a reality is a great feeling for Bostic. "When I see someone that I helped get into Mansfield University finally graduate, I feel like I've truly made a difference."

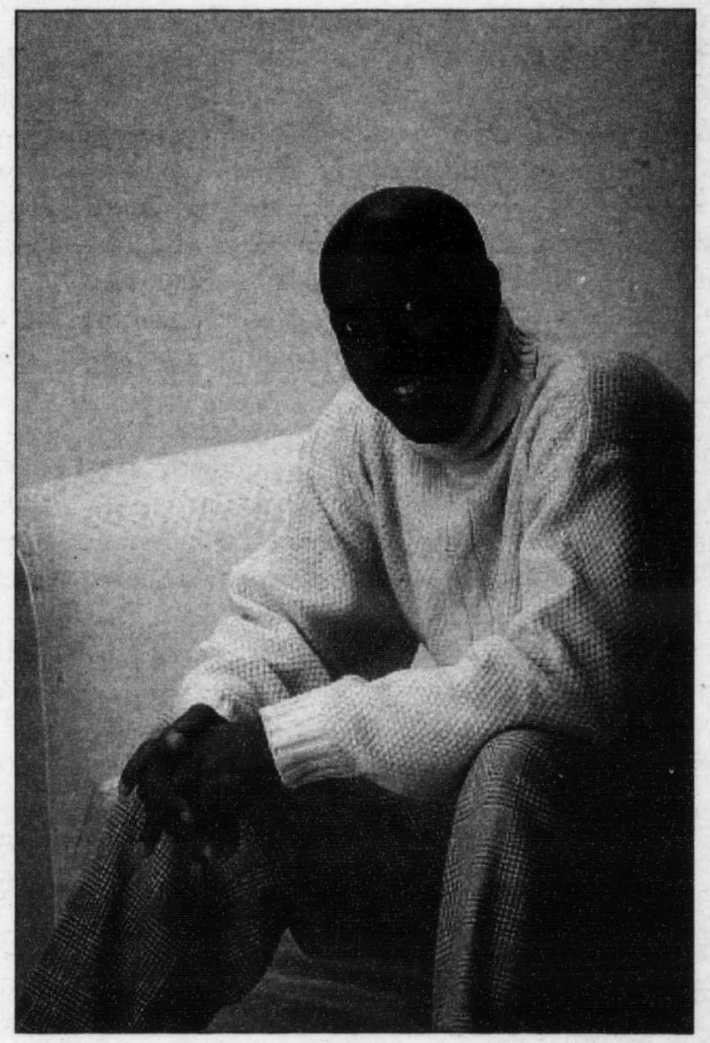


PHOTO COURTESY OF FACEBOOK.COM
Lee Bostic is the Assistant Director of Admissions at Mansfield University

'CENSORSHIP'

Pieper then provided the example of when NBC received a package of footage from the Virginia Tech killer. After NBC aired some of the footage, some viewers were angered by their decision. NBC defended themselves by saying the decision to show the footage was 'good Journalism.'

"Small decisions can change and impact things in the future," Pieper said.

After Pieper spoke, Broadcasting professor James Lohrey talked about censorship in the news. "Why is it we can't see images of people from the World Trade Center during the September 11 attacks, yet we can show images of suicide bombings on the nightly news?" Lohrey said.

Lohrey also talked about the Don Imus incident and the Jena 6 story. Lohrey closed his section of the lecture with an example from Golfweek magazine. The Golfweek magazine published a picture of a noose on the cover. They pictured the noose on the cover to highlight the comment made by Golf Channel anchor, Kelly Tilghman, that players should "lynch [Tiger Woods] in a back alley." Some people called for the magazine to be pulled as a form of censorship.



PHOTO BY CARRIE GOODYEAR
Dr. Lee Wright began the discussion by giving a definition of censorship.

The next speaker was Professor Gary McIntyre. McIntyre spoke about broadcasting indecency. Indecency tops the list of FCC complaints. "Out of 151,000 complaints that the FCC gets every year, 150,000 of those complaints were about indecency," McIntyre said.

McIntyre also talked about the NYPD blue incident where Charlotte Rosse was shown in full back nudity at 10 p.m. EST. This was not in violation of safe harbor hours, however, it did not air during safe harbor hours in the Central and Mountain Standard Time zones.

Professor Dan Mason closed the panel discussion by talking about the ethics of censorship of ownership.

"In 1983 fifty corporations controlled the media," Mason said. "As of 2004 only five corporations controlled the media."

Mason also pointed out that there was also cross-ownership occurring. He stated that while it was technically legal, it is something that needs to be examined under the scope of ethics.

2008 Mansfield University State survey released

The race for The White House, the possibility of tolls on I-80 and federal immigration laws are the major topics Pennsylvanians expressed their feelings on in the 2008 Mansfield University State Survey, which was released today.

The survey found that a presidential race in Pennsylvania between John McCain and either Hillary Clinton or Barak Obama would be a virtual dead heat if it were held today.

At this time, Senator McCain leads in the Keystone State by 42.6 percent to 39.5 percent in a hypothetical race against Senator Clinton. The remainder of respondents were undecided. Senator Obama leads Senator McCain, however, 41.2 percent to 40.5 percent.

"The small difference is not statistically significant given the poll's 3.5 percent margin of error," explains Tim Madigan, associate professor of sociology and co-director of the survey.

"The results suggest that it will be another very close presidential race in Pennsylvania."

In the race for the Democratic Presidential nomination in Pennsylvania, Senator Clinton holds a strong lead over Senator Obama.

"For every two Pennsylvanians who prefer Senator Obama, right now there are three who prefer Senator Clinton," Madigan reports. "If Senator Obama wants to catch Senator Clinton in this state he needs to do better among women, whites, rural residents, those with little income or education, the middle-aged and senior citizens."

On the hot button topic of making Interstate 80 a roll road, two out of three Pennsylvanians oppose the idea no matter where they live in the Commonwealth. In the counties bisected by I-80, nearly nine out of 10 resist the idea.

Just over 67 percent of Pennsylvanians said that I-80 should not be made a toll road. Around 18 percent said that it should be a toll road. The remainder of respondents were unsure what should be done.

"The survey results quantify the opposition to the plan that has been coming out of town hall meetings and political gatherings in north-central Pennsylvania," Madigan said.

Eighty-three percent of Pennsylvanians surveyed say that the Commonwealth should be allowed to enforce federal immigration laws if the federal government does not do so.

Nearly 82 percent also said that persons receiving state benefits should have to show proof of citizenship to receive them.

"Respondents were instructed to think of benefits other than emergency medical care when they answered that question," Madigan said. "The results reflect a public that has taken a hard stance toward illegal immigrants."

The Mansfield University State survey in 2007 found widespread support—among white respondents but not among minorities—for the city of Hazleton's attempt to make it a crime for employers to hire illegal immigrants or for landlords to rent to them.

The Hazleton initiative was shot down by the courts on the grounds that it is the federal government's job to enforce immigration laws. Madigan explained that this year it was decided to ask Pennsylvanians if they favored having the Commonwealth enforce federal immigration law. Overwhelmingly, they said they did.

The Mansfield University State Survey, co-directed by Madigan and Assistant Professor of Sociology Janice Purk, annually examines issues important to Pennsylvanians. The random sample survey of Pennsylvanians 18 years of age and older has a 3.5 percent margin of error. It was conducted between Feb. 13 and March 6, 2008.

It is estimated that here in the United States, more than 876,000 rapes of adult women and more than 111,000 rapes of adult men occur annually. This year, HAVEN of Tioga County will be helping to raise awareness here in Tioga County by holding a Walk A Mile In Her Shoes®: The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assult & Gender Violence. Men, Women and Children of all ages are gathering on Saturday, April 19 at 11 a.m. (The walk begins at 12 p.m.) to walk one mile in high heels. Rape can affect anyone, but together we can make a stand against any form of Sexual Violence. If you are interested in walking, would like more information or are seeking any assistance for Sexual Violence, please contact HAVEN of Tioga County at 570-724-3549 or 1-800-550-0447.

Campus Events Calendar

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
March 20 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Lino-Block Reduction Prints Exhibit by Diane Castle Babcock in the North Hall Gallery	21 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Lino-Block Reduction Prints Exhibit by Diane Castle Babcock in the North Hall Gallery - 8 p.m. - Mansfieldians "Music for Passion Week" Concert at St. James Episcopal Church	22	23	24 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Lino-Block Reduction Prints Exhibit by Diane Castle Babcock in the North Hall Gallery	25 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Lino-Block Reduction Prints Exhibit by Diane Castle Babcock in the North Hall Gallery - 1 - 2 p.m. - Career Series Workshop: How to Work a Job Fair, 314 AHSC	26 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Lino-Block Reduction Prints Exhibit by Diane Castle Babcock in the North Hall Gallery - 4 - 5 p.m. - Career Series Workshop: Summer jobs and internships, 314 AHSC
27 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Lino-Block Reduction Prints Exhibit by Diane Castle Babcock in the North Hall Gallery	28 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Lino-Block Reduction Prints Exhibit by Diane Castle Babcock in the North Hall Gallery - 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Visitation Day, Steadman Theatre	29	30 - 7:30 p.m. - Mansfield Brass Quinter	31 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Lino-Block Reduction Prints Exhibit by Diane Castle Babcock in the North Hall Gallery - Registration for fall semester begins	April 1 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Lino-Block Reduction Prints Exhibit by Diane Castle Babcock in the North Hall Gallery - 12 - 5 p.m. - Annual Job/Opportunities Fair, KFC. Business casual attire required.	2 - 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Lino-Block Reduction Prints Exhibit by Diane Castle Babcock in the North Hall Gallery - 7 - 8:30 p.m. - University Lecture Series Event: - Ethics in the 21st Century

What in the World? News in a flash by Laura and Becca

A giant buzz in Sacramento

By LAURA HALL
Flashlight News Co-Editor

A tractor-trailer carrying a cargo of more than 400 hives of honey bees flipped on its side on Highway 99 in Sacranento, California on Sunday

The crash which occurred around 10 a.m., resulted in the release of between six and 16 million bees flying around on the highway.

Bee handlers, cops and fire fighters spent seven hours trying to calm the bees and get them back into their hives. In the process many people were stung.

Steve Nerchant is an officer of the California Highway Patrol.

"People were being stung left and right," Merchant said. "It was an ugly, ugly scene."

The swarm was so bad that highway motorists had to roll up their windows and turn off their air conditioning. Near by businesses had to close their doors.

In the past 20 years, the U.S. honey bee population had decreased from six to two and a half million due to "Colony Collapse Disorder," in which bee keepers have been "mysteriously" losing thousands of their bees," CNN.com said.

"In 2005, for the first time in 85 years, the United States was forced to import honey bees in order to meet its pollination demands."



PHOTO COURTESY OF GOOGLE IMAGES
Between six and 16 million bees were accidently released when a tractor-trailer flipped on Sacramento Highway 99.

It is believed that these bees were used to pollinate an almond orchard in Sacramento.

Police don't know for sure what caused the tractor-trailer to flip but they think the driver was going too fast.

Seven hours after the accident the bees were contained. Police don't know how many bees are still missing, but they haven't recieved any phone calls from motorists. "In this instance," Merchant said, "No news is good news."

Supreme Court considers 'right to bear arms'

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

The Supreme Court gathered on Tuesday, March 18th for the first time in decades to discuss whether Americans have the right to keep and bear arms. The last time the second amendment was reviewed was in 1939.

The second amendment regarding this right says, "A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed."

Another issue that is being addressed is the ban on hand guns in Washington D.C.

Opinions seemed to be split on the 32-year old ban. "Does that make it unreasonable for a city with a very high crime rate... to say 'No hand guns here?'", Justice Stephen Breyer asked.

On the opposite side, Chief Justice John Roberts asked at one point, "What is reasonable about a ban on possession of hand guns?"

The case focuses on a local security guard, Dick Heller, who is challenging the District of Columbia's ban as a violation of his constitutional rights, by not letting him own a hand gun for his personal safety.

The City Council believes that the ban is justified because "handguns have no legitimate use in the purely urban environment of the District of Columbia."

But Heller, sued the District after it rejected his application to keep a handgun at his home for self defense. His lawyers say the amendment plainly protects an individual's right.

The Courts ruling, expected by June, could have a big impact on gun-control laws across the country, and could also be a new issue in the upcoming presidential election.



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The Supreme Court is gathering together to discuss the second admendment and the ban on hand guns in Washington D.C. This is the first time this issue has been addressed in decades.

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It's far too easy for you to dismiss the concerns of others as unworthy of your attention -- but try instead to take them seriously, or at least respectfully. You'll score a lot more points that way!

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Someone close gets into an argument with you, which starts out playfully but might not end that way. You're not taking it that seriously, but it may be that they are -- so watch out for dissonance!

CANCER
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Maybe it's time for you to listen to your wild side -- it's been urging you to take that emotional risk for a while! You won't lose much, if anything, so go for it and see what happens next.

LEO
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You're still riding high on the good energy that comes with recent success and you may even find that people are treating you differently as a result. Don't exploit it, but do enjoy it!

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There's probably a bit too much going on today for you to process all at once, so try to record as much as possible for later. Things should settle down really soon and get much better.

LIBRA
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Your dreams and ambitions are out in the open now and you're amazed at how helpful other people can be when you're up front about what you want. Things should move forward pretty quickly!

SCORPIO
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Whoever is in charge of your day-to-day life is quite a bit grumpier than usual. If that's you, it might be time for a long break -- but if it's anyone else, your best bet is to just smile and go along with it!

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

A significant improvement is on the way and should arrive today. It may involve compensation or emotional satisfaction, but you should know it when you see it. Enjoy the good feeling!

CAPRICORN
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If you work for yourself, expect some small issue to blow up into a day-consuming whirlwind that finally does get resolved favorably. If you aren't your own boss, it's someone else's problem!

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You're not wildly enthusiastic about power struggles, especially in the workplace, but today brings you face-to-face with someone who may be gunning for your position. You'll come out ahead!

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You are feeling more connected to the world around you and especially in what you put in your body. You may not want to totally revise your diet, but adding something green might help.

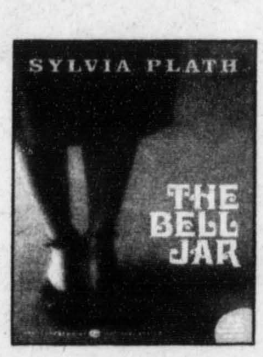
The Book Nook:

The Bell Jar

By CARRIE GOODYEAR
Features Editor

The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath was published in England in 1966.

The Bell Jar is about a 19 year old Esther Greenwood. In the beginning the year is 1953. Greenwood is working as an intern at a fashion magazine.



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Check out Plath's The Bell Jar.

During her time at the internship she befriends Doreen. Doreen, a platinum blonde who dresses provocatively and doesn't take work seriously.

One night Greenwood and Doreen get into a cab intending to go to one of the magazine's many social functions. They end up in a traffic jam and meet Lenny Sheperd, a local D.J.

Doreen ends up intoxicated and vomiting so Greenwood decides to end their friendship.

At the end of the internship, Greenwood is heading back to her home in New England. When her mother meets her, the first thing she tells Greenwood is that she has not been accepted to the writing program she applied for.

This causes Greenwood to slip into a deep depression. Her doctor sends her to see a psychiatrist. The psychiatrist is convinced the only way to relieve her depression is to give her electro-shock therapy.

The electro-shock therapy has the opposite effect and causes her to become suicidal. After several suicide attempts she is admitted to a mental hospital.

To find out about the characters Greenwood encounters at the mental hospital, or if she is released, check out The Bell Jar by Sylvia Plath.

This day in history

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On this day in 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson notifies Alabama's Governor George Wallace that he will use federal authority to call up the Alabama National Guard in order to supervise a planned civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery.

Intimidation and discrimination had earlier prevented Selma's black population--over half the city--from registering and voting. On Sunday, March 7, 1965, a group of 600 demonstrators marched on the capital city of Montgomery to protest this disenfranchisement and the earlier killing of a black man, Jimmie Lee Jackson, by a state trooper. In brutal scenes that were later broadcast on television, state and local police attacked the marchers with billy clubs and tear gas. TV viewers far and wide were outraged by the images, and a protest march was organized just two days after "Bloody Sunday" by Martin Luther King, Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). King turned the marchers around, however, rather than carry out the march without federal judicial approval.

Underwear: From the store, to the floor, to the... museum?

By LAURA HALL
Flashlight News Co-Editor

The bedroom. The bathroom. The laundry room and possibly even the floor, but in an exhibition in Poland?!

Yes, it is true. Not only can underwear be found in stores and homes, but now it can also be found at the Museum of Industry in Opatowek, Poland.

In January the museum opened the exhibit, titled "Pantaloons to G-strings," that follows that development of women's underwear from the 20th Century to present day.

The 140 piece exhibit is on loan from the Central Textile Museum in Lodz, Poland.

The changes in underwear came about because of women's changing role and place in society.

The oldest garments, from the early 20th century, are "frumpy drawers," according to the Associated Press. Then, in the 1920s, garter belts and stockings became popular undergarments from women to wear to work.

In addition, pantaloons (knee length cotton underwear with lace fringe), day shirts, night gowns and two-piece corsets are also on display. There are nylon underwear from the 1970s and even "tygodniowki" underwear which are cotton underwear that came in packs of five, one for each day of the week [apparently they went commando on Saturday and Sunday] of the 1980s.



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This museum exhibit is all about unmentionables.

Ewa Sieranska is the curator at the Central Textile Museum.

"Undergarments were kept well out of sight in the old days," Sieranska said. "At the beginning of the 20th century you couldn't show them at all and later only a little bit. Now they're everywhere."

Guys, don't feel left out, there are a few things for you in this exhibit too, but not many since male underwear hasn't changed much throughout history.

Male undergarments on exhibit include boxers, robes, a 1930s jock strap and articles that used to be only women's undergarments.

Ewa Klysz is the curator for the Museum of Industry.

"When people came to see the exhibition it caused a range of different reactions," Klysz said. "But these items are subject to historical research and this is a serious exhibit."

Younger visitors found the exhibit enlightening and entertaining, while older visitors reminisced.

"They want to see some things they aren't familiar with or remember items that they once wore," Klysz said of the older visitors.

The question remains of what will be the new style of underwear.

"I don't know what'll come next," Klysz said. "Maybe a return to what we wore before underwear – nothing."

iTunes slides into second place in the race for largest music retailer

By NANCY EDWARDS
Flashlight Writer

Apple iTunes has passed other companies becoming the second largest U.S. music retailer.

Wal-Mart Stores have gained first place sliding past iTunes while BestBuy took third place and Target fourth in the top music retailers.

iTunes sells only digital downloads while Wal-Mart sells CDs and digital downloads. CD sales have been dropping while digital downloads (MP3's) have been increasing, so Apple Inc. is confident they will beat Wal-Mart and take over the top spot.

According to the market-research firm, NPD Group, the amount of music that Americans purchased in 2007 icreased by six percent over 2006. NPD confirmed that iTunes moved into the second place position due to the amount of digital music it sold online during 2007.

Russ Crupnick, President of Music for the NPD Group, believes the change is "fairly understandable given the pressure that's been on CDs and the almost 50-percent growth in digital downloading in the past year."

The transition from CDs to digital files has occurred faster than most people expected. NPD has estimated that there are roughly one million less CD-buying customers this year.

Teens have been abandoning CDs for years. According to a report issued by NPD, "nearly half of all U.S. teens (48 percent) did not purchase a CD last year." Before, teenagers anticipated the arrival of a new CD, but now it is easier and faster to access desired music from a computer, although research showed that a lot of the digital music downloads done by teenagers were from illegal file sharing programs.



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The battle over top sales will continue as digital downloads become more popular.

Even with the competition from illegal file sharing programs, Apple doesn't seem to be too concerned. Apple announced there are now over 50 million iTunes customers. They also announced that they have reached a four billion sold songs milestone. iTunes Music Store opened in April 2003 and the one-billionth song was purchased in Feb 2006.

Apple and NPD believe that Apple iTunes will be the number one music retailer in the U.S. before the end of this year.

"Even if the growth that Apple has for the rest of 2008 is only half of what we are projecting, Apple will still outpace and overtake Wal-Mart before the end of the year," Crupnick said.

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New study finds antidepressants are no more effective than placebo drugs

By BRITTANY SERFANI
Flashlight Writer

The much-touted quote, "It's all in the mind," may not be just a quote anymore. The millions who are taking commonly prescribed antidepressants may be wasting time and money, according to recent clinical studies.

The study of the clinical trials of antidepressant drugs found the drugs are no more effective than a placebo, a sugar pill, for most people with depression. The study included results that antidepressant manufacturers decided not to previously publish and data reported in scientific journals.

An international team from Great Britain, the United States and Canada used freedom of information laws to acquire all information on four drugs known as "selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors" (S.S.R.I.s).

The two best-known drugs in the study were fluoxentine, also known as Prozac, and paroxetine, sold in the U.S. as Paxil. The two other drugs were venlafaxine and nefazodone.

Irving Kirsch, the team leader and professor from the University of Hull in Britain, said the analysis showed that patients got better when they took an antidepressant and when they took a placebo, and there was not much difference between the improvements.

"This means that depressed people can improve without chemical treatments," Kirsch said.

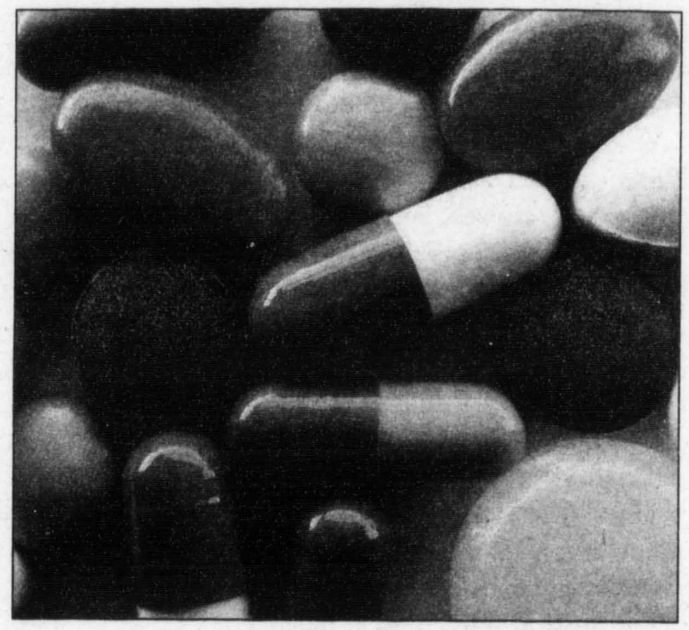
Only a small group of people who were severely depressed at the beginning showed a significant benefit from the drugs, the study showed. According to the study, this was because did not respond as well to the placebo, rather than responding better to the drugs.

The team concluded there is no reason why antidepressant drugs should be prescribed to those who exude mild and moderate depression unless other treatments such as counseling and exercise had been ineffective.

The Public Library of Science published the study last month in the Public Library of Science Medicine journal.

Critics of the report say S.S.R.I.'s can take more time to work than the study permitted. Doctors may also try several different types of antidepressants on a patient before finding one that benefits the patients most.

The U.S. Center for Disease Control said that there were 2.4 billion prescriptions in 2005, and, of those, 118 million were antidepressants.



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Some researchers say that depression may be all in your head.

Red: The hot color at the 2008 Academy Awards

By KIMBERLEE BLOCKER
Flashlight Writer

Anyone who had watched this years Academy Awards could see that this year's winners and nominees played it safe this year.

Marion Cotillard, who won the Oscar for best actress, was probably one of the few who actually took a risk in her Jean-Paul Gaultier halter dress. The textured, pearly white was a true beauty with a lovely cascading train following her as she moved and posed for the cameras.

One-shoulder, strapless and extended hemlines were the many among all the celebrities who decided to play it safe that evening. Though the weather wasn't as nice as some may have wished, the beauties in attendance found their hemlines dragged on the soggy red carpet.

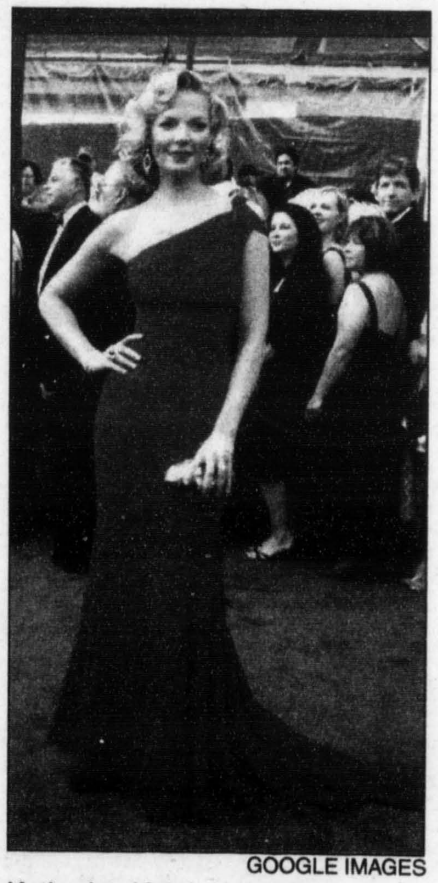
One thing is for sure, red was definitely the color of the evening. The young Miley Cyrus wearing a simple yet appropriate Valentino dress, Katherine Heigl in a form fitting, waist clinching one-shouldered Escada, Anne Hathaway in a flowing, flower accented Marchesa dress and Heidi Klum in a stunning, sophisticated John Galliano gown with a stand up collar were among the celebrities wearing the color.

Celebrities Cate Blanchett and Jessica Alba may have had the same idea in mind when trying to cover up their baby bumps. Both were decked out in shades of purple, Alba wearing Marchesa and Blanchett with Dries van Noten.

Nicole Kidman looked gorgeous in a Balenciaga black dress for the second time in a row and with nearly eight thousand dollars worth of diamonds draping around her neck totaling up to 1,400 carats by L'Wren Scott.

On the topic of accessories, celebrities Jennifer Garner and Laura Linney decided to wear strapless Oscar de La Renta and Michael Kors gowns with prominent necklaces. Penelope Cruz was seen with a Chanel Haute Couture dress drizzled with Chopard jewels.

Renee Zellweger dazzled everyone with a sparkling high front split Carolina Herrera and Cartier jewels. Cameron Diaz's strapless Christian Dior gown was quite the talk among those on the red carpet. With the pale peach color and pleats on the bust line Diaz's dress was on the Best Dressed list. In my opinion I'd have to vote Katherine Heigl or Renee Zellweger as the best dressed and most stunning of the night.



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Katherine Heigl, star of 27 Dresses, helped set the trend of red gowns on the red carpet.

"Katherine Heigl looked stunning in her Escada gown and Jimmy Choo Shoes."
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Hillary Clinton tends to focus her campaign more on the economy and the war in Iraq. Clinton has visited Harrisburg and Scranton for her time in Pennsylvania.

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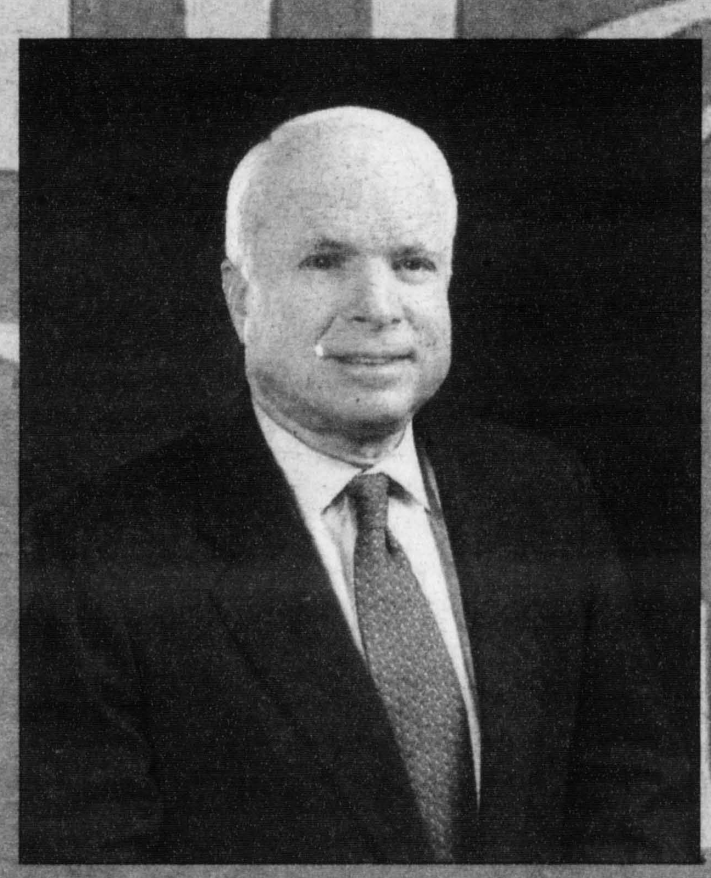
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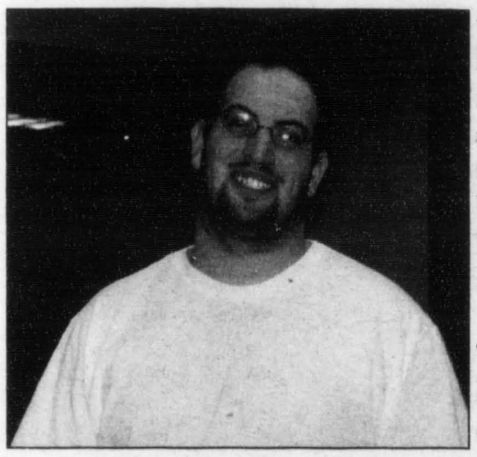
Okay, so if you are a republican, McCain has it wrapped up. However, if you happen to disagree with McCain it might be a good idea to keep an eye on the Democratic race.

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A spring break to never forget



Last week was my last ever spring break and I was lucky to spend it in Myrtle Beach, SC. There are many people that helped me out on this trip. Without their help there is no way I would have been able to have the time I did over break.

First, track and field coach Mike Rohl invited me to go with the track team on their trip to Myrtle Beach. The invitation by coach Rohl started a chain of events. The softball team needed someone to do their stats for the week who were also playing in Myrtle Beach. Sports Information director Steve McCloskey asked me to go with the softball team. Both coach Rohl and softball coach Edith Gallagher were both understanding of what I had to do for the week.

I left with the softball team on Thursday and we arrived in Myrtle Beach on Friday. Because of a lack of hotel rooms available with the softball team, I needed a place to stay until the track team arrived on Monday.

I have an aunt and uncle that live in Murrells Inlet, which is 20 minutes from Myrtle Beach. I was able to stay with them until the track team arrived in Myrtle Beach.

On Monday my aunt and uncle dropped me off where the softball team and I was able to do the stats for the game. After Monday I was able to walk to all of the softball games from the track teams hotel.

The softball team left for North Carolina on Friday to play a game on Saturday and then head back to Mansfield. The track team stayed in Myrtle Beach until Saturday.

During the week I had a great time being able to hang out with the members of the track team who treated me like I have been on the team for the entire season.

I just wanted to say thanks for everybody that helped me out over spring break, from coach Gallagher and coach Rohl to the track and field and softball teams. My aunt Nora and uncle John, who opened up their house to me and Steve McCloskey who sent me with the softball team. None of this would have been possible without their help support. My spring break proved to me a helpful hand can come from anywhere.

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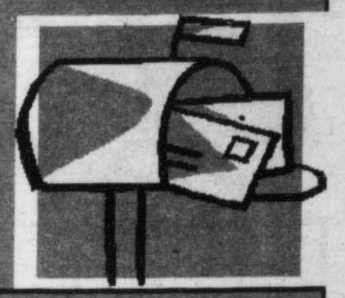
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Letter to the Editor

I am actually writing to give a complaint I have with a section of your paper. I really think you should not have the Police Beat in your paper because I feel that it is unfair that you expose people on this campus to everyone because of little mistakes they had made. For example: people who get caught with alcohol, drugs, accused of something that, I have seen you put in that section pretty much saying they are a sexual harasser or something else, when they end up not even being one they win court cases.. I have had a few friends who were put in that section of the paper who are now completely humiliated because people think an image of them that is so tiny but can get blown out of proportion and their lives have been changed and they have been perceived as alcoholics or harassers for example when they are not true at all! I have also seen people get harassed and made fun of because of things in that section about them. Their reputations are ruined because of that lit tle remark or mistake. I know, as a current journalism major myself, that giving info like this could be important but some of it is just not necessary to put in the paper here at Mansfield! Yes, campus has a right to know what crimes go on on campus, but they don't need to know names of certain people when the name is not important. You should either just put in "student gets caught with alcohol..." instead of saying the person who actually was. ITS NOT FAIR TO THEM TO BE JUDGED OVER SOMETHING THAT THEY MAY HAVE MADE BAD JUDGMENT ABOUT. Unless the person is like a rapist or something, then yeaahhh its important to tell names for campus student's safety. I am just sick of seeing my friends get completely humiliated and judged because of you exposing their flaws to the campus. You have to realize our campus is a small campus. Everyone knows everyone here, When word gets out about someone getting caught with something that person is pretty much judged and reputations are ruined just like that. If this was a town paper it would be a different situation and would not be such a big deal. But the fact that Mansfield is a small campus and everyone knows everyone it's SO DIFFERENT. Please consider changing that section or taking it out. I think it is important and you need to be fair to these innocent students and their reputations by taking it out or erasing names.
Thank you for your time.
Kristina Apfl

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2. What state did the movie take place?
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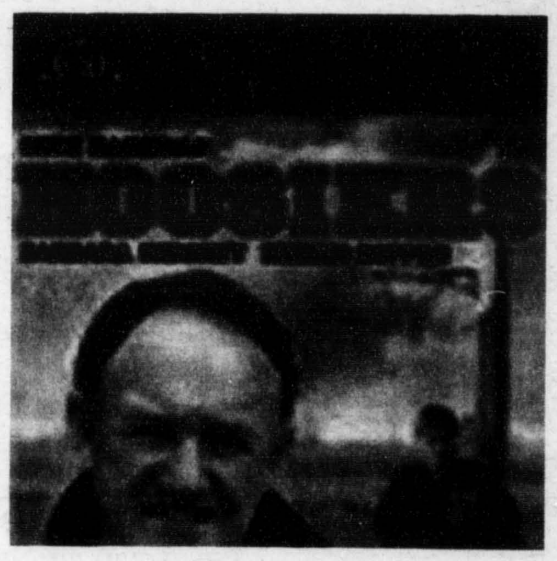
3.Who was the original choice to play head coach Norman Dale?
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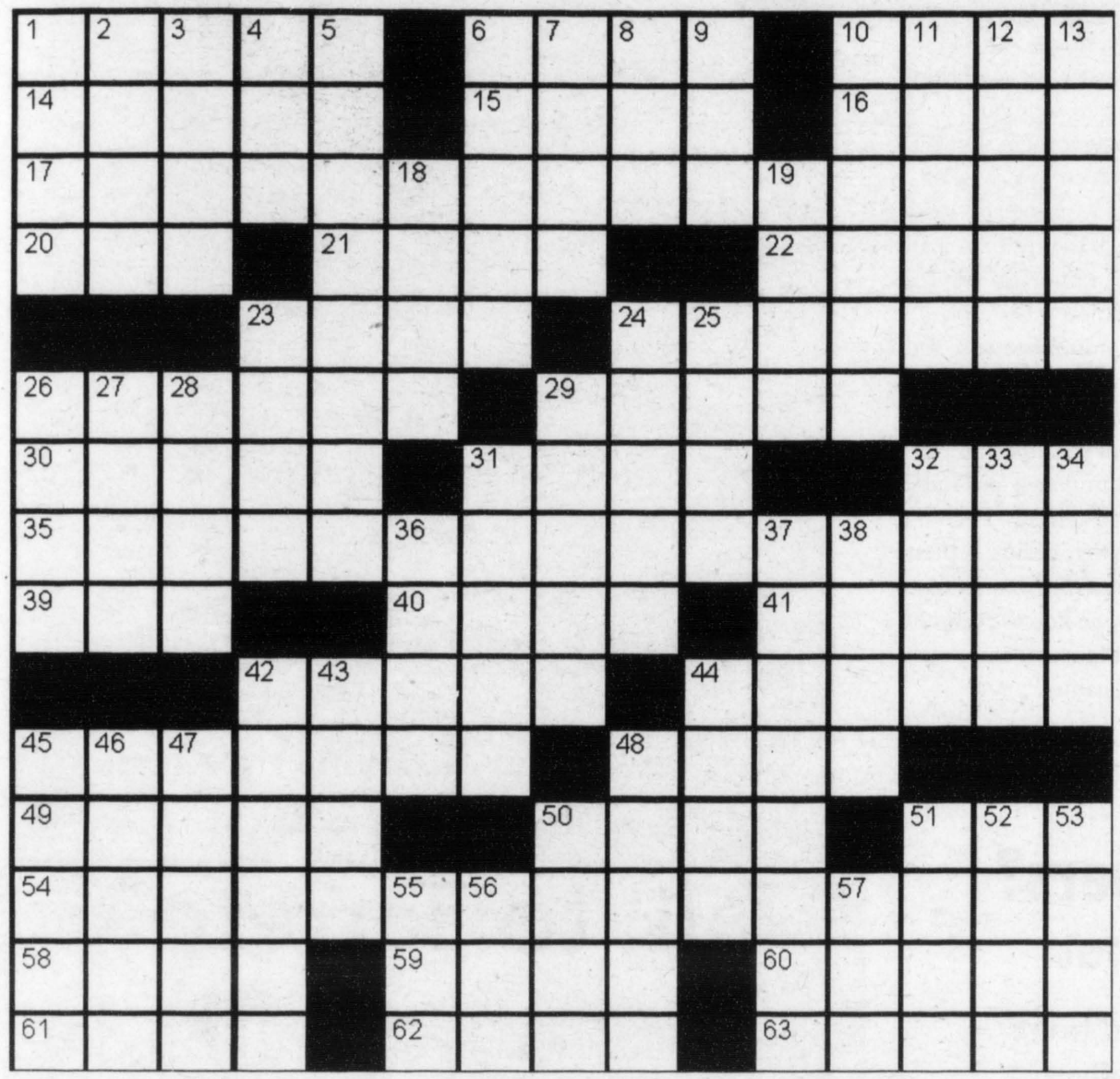
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A. Killer B. Shooter C. Williams D. Booty

6. Where did the state title game take place?
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7. In real life, what NBA great played for the opponent and lost to Hickory?
A. Wilt Chamberlain B. Oscar Robertson C. Bob Cousy D. Bill Russell



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10. Pouches
14. Turn away
15. Land with peat bogs
16. Russian mountain range
17. Where Amelia Earheart is said to have disappeared
20. Students in their last year of school
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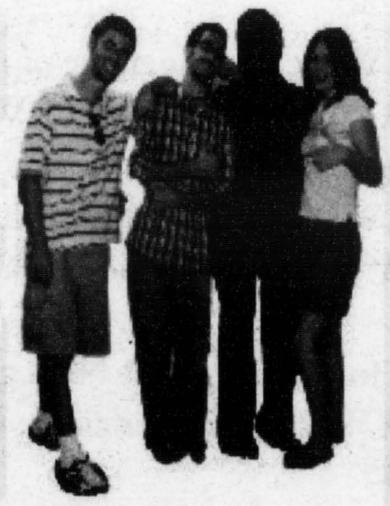
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12. Composes
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18. Portal
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27. Cardinal numbers
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31. Gael
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36. Not difficult
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38. Honky's partner
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43. Where the sun rises
44. Tart
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46. Idolize
47. Straps used to control horses
48. Reproductive organism produced by fungi
50. Catch quickly
51. Hawaiian feast
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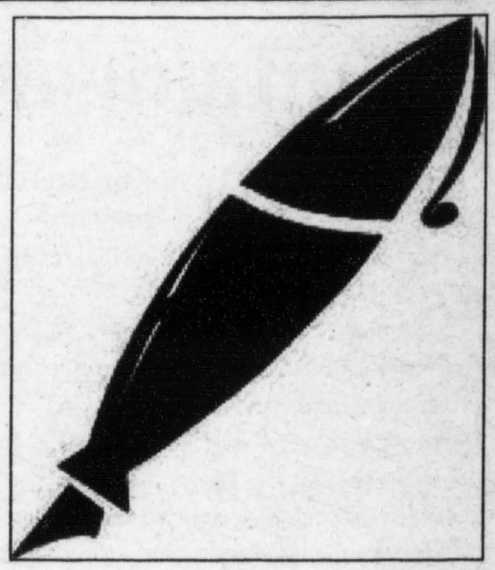
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Sincerely,
Slandered

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Mountaineer baseball dominates Florida Trip, record 11-5

By ALLEN BENNETT
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University baseball team went 11-5 during their Florida trip.

Mansfield won their opener against C.W.. Post 7-3. Ryan Riley blasted a three run homer in the top of the ninth to lead Mansfield to victory.

The game was called due to rain and lightning in the bottom of the ninth. Trevor Tellip picked up the win in relief and Justin Garcia added a two run homer in the sixth.

The men continued their strong start in their second and third games against Wilmington College with a 5-3 win in the first game and a 6-4 victory in the second. The first game was won by Eric Rosenberger who pitched a complete game, giving up three hits. Mansfield broke open an 1-1 tie with four runs in the bottom of the second.

The rally was started with a two run single by Ryan Giblin. Giblin went 2-3 and Abram Yeakel went 2-4 in the first of the double-header games.

Garcia started game two, but Tyler Noel picked up the win in relief.

Matt Young hit a two run double to break a 4-4 tie to win the game. Nate Grove went 2-3 with a double and RBI while Yeakel was 2-4. Tony Battisti also doubled.

After starting 3-0 Mansfield suffered losses against Northwood University (MI) (8-6) and Slippery Rock (5-3). Both games were decided in the last innings when Northwood scored a run in the last two innings. During the Slippery Rock game, the Rock rallied with three runs in the eighth to come back from a 3-2 deficit.

The Mountaineers next win came against Manhattanville College with a bases loaded single from Riley in the 10th inning to win the game.

"I think Ryan swung the bat very well," head coach Harry Hillson said. "A tremendous improvement from last year. I felt bad for him last year because he broke his hand and missed half of the season so I think it's a plus that he came back from that. He is doing outstanding."

Cody Stinger went 3-4 with two home runs and three RBI's to lead the Mansfield offense while Yeakel was 4-5 with a home run and three RBI's.

The Mountaineers split a doubleheader against Pitt-Johnstown with an 8-0 shutout by Irvin Sleighter in the first game. Pitt-Johnstown broke the tie in the second game of the series with seven runs in the fifth inning to win the nightcap 12-8.

Mansfield split the next double header against St. Thomas with an opener loss (7-0) and a nightcap win (9-5).

Garcia doubled in Giblin with the winning run in the top of the eighth to lift Mansfield to a 9-5 win.

The Mountaineers swept the next two games. Giblin went 5-6 with three doubles and two RBI's in the opener. Yeakel was 4-5 with a double and four RBI's in the nightcap to lead Mansfield to a 14-8 win over Chestnut Hill and 10-6 victory over Slippery Rock. Shane Ryan picked up the win going six innings before he was relieved by Chris Zelko and Trevor Tellip in the opener.

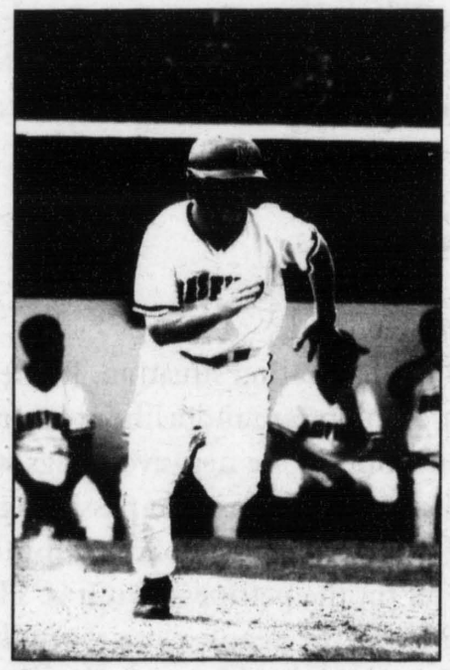
The next three wins came on two separate days with wins over Chestnut Hill (10-8) and a doubleheader sweep over Nyack (10-9; 16-4).

The final game of the trip was against Northwood (FL). Mansfield rallied for three runs in the bottom of the ninth inning, including two on a two-out single by Riley, but Northwood scored in the top of the 10th inning to pull out a 7-6 win.

Mansfield ended their Florida tour with a record of 11-5.

"Everybody contributed. We played a lot of guys, had 16 games over that short stretch so we were happy with it," Hillson said. "I think we will definitely be contenders for the conference. You really don't know until you get out and start playing games, but we are optimistic."

The baseball team will travel to Wilmington University on Tuesday and Shippensburg on Friday before hosting Shippensburg in the home opener on Saturday.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Tony Battisti has started eight games for the Mountaineers hitting .333 so far this season.

Dan Davis named Sprint Football head coach

By JOSH STROHL
Special to the Flashlight

Mansfield University held a press conference on March 4 to announce they have found a head coach for sprint football.

Dan Davis, a former offensive lineman from Olivet College, will lead the new program this fall. Davis has 19 years of coaching experience.

Steve McCloskey, Mansfield's Director of Athletic Operations and Information started the proceedings by discussing the qualities that Mansfield was looking for in a head coach.

"You have to have a head coach to have a team and I believe that we have a head coach that will lead us to greatness," McCloskey said.

President Maravene Loeschke spoke after McCloskey and discussed how the new sprint football team fit into Mansfield University's leadership initiative.

"We looked for a coach with the same qualities as our leadership program. Someone who will bring integrity to the team as well as the opportunity to become winners," Loeschke said.

Loeschke introduced Davis who said, "I appreciate being part of this program and especially this University. I plan on this being a program based on integrity and respect."

Mansfield will take part in a six team league consisting of Cornell, Princeton, University of Pennsylvania, Army and Navy.

"It is exciting to have a chance to play against these schools," Davis said. "We are going to go after them with vigor and intensity."



SPORTS INFORMATION
Dan Davis was named the head coach of Sprint Football at a press conference on March 4.

The program is designed for students who weigh 172 pounds or less. Davis spoke about the difficulties of finding players with experience playing on the line.

"If guys aren't willing to play on the line, I'm not sure I want them here. I don't want them putting their interests over the team."

The Mountaineers will play four games this fall starting at home against Cornell on September 27. Mansfield will not play against Army or Navy this season because "they are in training year round and their programs are elevated," McCloskey said.

Women's Basketball say good-bye to three seniors

By CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University said it's goodbye to its three women basketball players on March 1 as the team lost to Bloomsburg University.

Seniors Jeannette Meacham, Kelli Eastman and Brittany Reed started their last game at home during their stay at Mansfield. A pre-game ceremony was presented by Sports Information Director Steve McCloskey. The three women were announced separately as they showed each teammate, coach and President Maravene S. Loeschke their appreciation by giving out hugs and shedding tears. Each player was presented with an action poster of themselves and flowers as they walked out to their families.

In her second season with the Mountaineers, Meacham has led the team in rebounding. She broke her own personal record at Mansfield in total rebounds by 50 with a total of 172 rebounds. She also almost doubled her total points from last year with a total of 212 points. Meacham was also third on the team with 39 assists and 30 steals.

Reed has been one player to fight through adversity. She spent a lot of time this season injured. Her injuries consisted of both of her ankles having stress fractures in them. Though she still has been able to play in 16 of the 27 games this season, recording 31 assists and 18 steals.

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Men's Basketball ends season with 17-10 record

By NICOLE HAGAN AND DANELLE MILLER
Flashlight Sports Co-Editors

The Mansfield Men's basketball team finished their season with a loss to East Stroudsburg University and a win in their final game against Bloomsburg University.

The team's 64-54 loss to East Stroudsburg on Wednesday, Feb. 27 shattered any hopes of the Mountaineers making it to this year's playoffs.

"We were devastated," head coach Rich Miller said. "We knew we had to win that game. We didn't get it done. We played hard and battled, but we didn't get it done."

East Stroudsburg's 6-6 conference record beat Mansfield's 5-7 record, therefore earning East Stroudsburg the final playoff spot in the PSAC East Division.

Mansfield's final away game at East Stroudsburg began with a quick three-pointer from East Stroudsburg's Andy Heimbach four seconds into the first half. East Stroudsburg's dominance continued as Mansfield trailed for the first seven minutes of the game. A layup from senior forward Brandon Lawley at the 13:22 mark made the score 13-12 in favor of the Mountaineers, but the lead change was short-lived. After a layup from East Stroudsburg's Dawud Lyons two minutes later, the Mountaineers were never able to regain the lead. East Stroudsburg went on a 10-0 scoring run with 3:51 left in the half, making the score 31-18 in favor of the Warriors at the halftime buzzer.

The 18 points the Mountaineers scored in the first half was a season low for the team. Senior guard John Hampton commented on Mansfield's rough first half.

"We got off to a bad start," Hampton said. "Brandon did really well, but me, Kevin and some of the other guys weren't making our shots. It was a big game where we needed to step up and play but we didn't do that."

Mansfield attempted to make a comeback in the second half as they slowly chipped away at the point spread. A layup from Lawley at the 10:45 mark brought the score to 42-41 – the lead still remained with the Warriors. Two minutes later two foul shots from sophomore guard Ryan Callahan tied the score 44-44 with 9:18 left to play. However, just as the first half ended, the second half concluded with a 15-7 scoring run by East Stroudsburg to end the game and any possibility of Mansfield earning the final playoff spot.

"Our shot selection was terrible and we were rushing things when we should have been trying to slow down and change the pace of the game" Hampton said.

Beneath the heartbreaking 64-54 loss, Lawley earned his sixth double-double of the season scoring a game high of 21 points and pulling down 12 rebounds.

"Lawley had one heck of a game," Miller said. "He kept us in the game in the first half and he played hard."

The loss to East Stroudsburg was not a deterrent, however, as Mansfield went back home to play Bloomsburg on Saturday, March 1 and earn a 98-67 win. The home game marked the team's final game of the season as well as senior day for the four seniors on the men's basketball team. Before the game seniors Lawley, Hampton, Kevin Hill and Armen Henderson were honored for their contributions to the team.

Entering their final game, the pressure was off and the Mountaineers were given the opportunity to just go out and play some basketball.

"It was our last game and we wanted to go out with a bang," Henderson said. "We just wanted to have fun. We lost that element after we came back from break – everyone became really tense considering the circumstances. But in the Bloomsburg game, we just went out and tried to have fun and it showed. We all played together and played well as a team. We shot well, played good defense – which was something we struggled with throughout the season – and everything just came together in the end."

Unlike their previous game against East Stroudsburg, the Mountaineers never trailed during the Bloomsburg game. With the help of a starting lineup consisting of Henderson, Hampton, Lawley, Hill and freshman forward Yuseff Carr, Mansfield won the tip-off and began a 7-0 scoring run until a 30 second timeout was called at the 16:17 mark.

Good defense from Hampton and Lawley led to offensive fouls that turned the ball over to Mansfield.

"Brandon Lawley played really well in the last game against Bloomsburg – just like he's played the entire season," Hampton said. "Actions speak louder than words and he's proved that again and again this year – that's probably why we'll end up naming him this season's MVP."

Mansfield's offense was also effective during the first half with the Mountaineers shooting a season best of 55.4 percent from the floor. With Hampton pushing the tempo and Lawley and Carr making strong moves inside the paint, the team was successful in putting up points.

"In previous games, players would hesitate before taking their shots or think about it too much because of all the pressure. In this game, it was more like whatever happens – happens," Henderson said. "There was no pressure at all and everyone just went out and played really well."

Mansfield had as much as an 18 point lead off of a pair of free throws from Lawley with 1:18 left in the first half. Mansfield went into the locker rooms leading 43-30.

Mansfield never let up and started the second half on an 18-6 scoring run in the first six minutes. The run was capped off by a three-pointer from sophomore guard Chris Pender, providing Mansfield with a 61-36 lead at the 13:47 mark.

Mansfield continued shooting well and increased their shot percentage to 61.8 percent from the floor in the second half. Three-pointers seemed to stretch across the roster during the second 20 minutes of play with Hill, Henderson, Hampton, Pender, Seth Cornell, Chris Greene and Lavail Owens all contributing to the three-point shooting. Mansfield made 64.3 percent of their three-point shots.

"The guys played very relaxed and did a good job," Miller said. "Our offense shot well and we played with nothing to lose. It was great to get guys on the floor who didn't play much throughout the season. I was very pleased with the game."

After Bloomsburg called a timeout with 4:36 left, the Mansfield home crowd started cheering and adding to the already energetic atmosphere. A win against Bloomsburg wasn't going to give Mansfield a chance at playoffs, but with all the enthusiasm that came from the bleachers, it was difficult to recognize.

"The crowd always gets us going," Henderson said. "To have someone behind you, even when your down in a game, brings momentum to the game and makes it that much more fast paced and exciting."

Mansfield took its biggest lead of the night with a three-pointer from Owens to make the score 93-56 with 3:55 left to play. After the final buzzer sounded, Mansfield walked away from their final game of the season with a 98-67 win.



PHOTO BY CHRIS BOSWELL

Brandon Lawley, Armen Henderson, John Hampton and Kevin Hill were honored at Senior Day before facing Bloomsburg University. The four.combined for 53 points in their final game, more than half of the total score.

Hampton, Hill, Lawley and Henderson combined for a total of 53 points, making up more than half of Mansfield's points. Hampton went 8-9 from the floor and scored a team high 19 points. Hill followed with 17 and Lawley earned his seventh double-double of the season (third straight) with 10 points and a career best 14 rebounds. Carr contributed 10 points and Henderson added seven.

The men's basketball team ended their season with a 17-10 record overall, 5-7 in the conference.

"There was a lot of frustration after the East Stroudsburg game, but wins and losses-wise, it was a good year," Miller said.

Over Mansfield's spring break, seniors Hampton and Hill were both awarded PSAC East Division Second Team honors for their success throughout the season.

Hampton averaged 11.8 points per game and had a season high 28 points against Cheyney University. He scored in double figures 14 times this season and was ranked second on the team in assists (58), blocked shots (15) and steals (40). Hampton ended his basketball career at Mansfield with 924 points.

Hill was Mansfield's leading scorer this season, averaging 13.1 points per game, having scored in double figures 17 times this season and leading the PSAC in three-point shooting for the second year in a row. He holds the conference record for three-pointers in a game with 13 in the 104-56 win against Seton Hill University. Hill also holds a season best 47 points at Seton Hill – the second most points scored in a game in Mansfield history. Hill ended his Mansfield basketball career with 844 points and 192 three-point field goals.

"Overall, I was very happy with the performance of Kevin, John, Brandon and Armen," Miller said. "We wish we could have won one or two more games and made it to the PSAC playoffs, but I was thrilled with the bus load of fans who traveled to the Bloomsburg and East Stroudsburg games. One thing we wanted to do was bring back spirit to the school. Having the MU Crew in the stands was great. I know athletics was down after they cut football, but it was neat that basketball generated spirit."

Softball comes out of Spring Break with 6-3 record

By ERIC BOHANNON
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

The Mansfield University softball team is one win away from tying their win total from last season after a 6-3 start over spring break.

Head softball coach Edith Gallagher was happy the way the week began for the Mountaineers. "It was important for us to get some early wins," Gallagher said. "It gave us some confidence for the week."

The Mountaineers started the week winning their first four games of the season, outscoring their opponents 46-1. In the opener against Charleston senior Whitney Brown threw a five hit shutout to lead the Mountaineers to a 2-0 victory. Fellow senior Amanda Lewis hit a double to right center field in the fifth inning to bring home Janelle Antes for the winning run. Nicole Yost drove in Jess Christ for an insurance run to make the final 2-0.

"We have had a productive start so far," Christ said. "I am impressed with the talent we have on this years team. We have more depth and we are a stronger hitting team than last year."

The Mountaineers beat Penn State-Harrisburg 24-0 in the second game of the day. The women took advantage of eight PSU-Harrisburg errors to put up 13 runs in the third inning and eight in the fourth. Senior Lindsay Knapp threw a no-hitter for the Mountaineers, giving up one base runner and striking out nine.

"The whole defense played extremely well -- from the pitchers, catchers, infielders and outfielders," Gallagher said. "The hardest thing for our pitchers was adjusting to the southern strike zone, which is incredibly small."

The Mountaineers swept both games on day two beating Arcadia and Russell Sage. Christ led the Mountaineers with three doubles in the win over Arcadia and Brown picked up her second win of the season, allowing only four hits.

In game two freshman Melissa Baer picked up her first collegiate win, striking out eight batters in four plus innings. Freshman Janelle Antes, Nicole Yost and Megan Trutt combined for seven hits in the game.

"I thought the freshman did a great job for us," Gallagher said. "They transitioned quickly to the speed of play and did a great job defensively and they each made progress during the week also."

Mansfield lost to Sweet Briar in the first game on Wednesday 2-0, but came back to beat Penn State-Altoona in the second game 16-2. Mansfield got nine runs in the first two innings to give Baer a commanding lead. Baer allowed one hit in four innings of work to earn her second victory of the season. Sophomore Gabriella Carrullo went 3-4 with three RBI's and senior Jess Christ went 2-4 with two runs scored in the win.

"Our seniors are a big help for the freshman," Gallagher said. "They talked to them about what pitches to expect and helped them on defense."

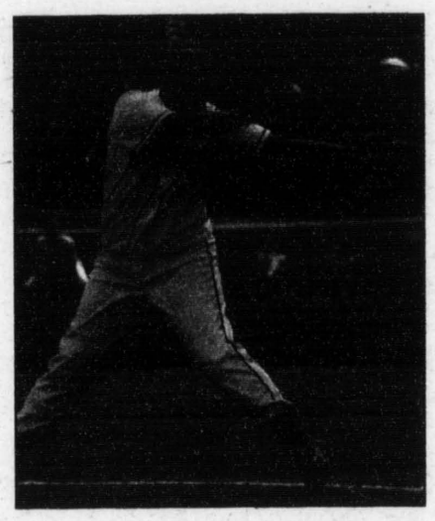
The final day in Myrtle Beach began with a 10-0 win over PSU-Altoona. Antes, Carrullo, Lewis and Yost had two hits a piece and Knapp threw a two-hitter to lead the Mountaineers.

The second game of the day was against Charleston. Mansfield trailed 1-0 until the fifth inning when Markwis hit a towering home run to right field which gave Mansfield a 3-1 lead. Mansfield held the lead until the sixth when Charleston scored three runs to take a 4-3 lead. The Mountaineers loaded the bases in the seventh, but could not score to suffer their second loss of the season.

"Adjusting to the pitching was our biggest obstacle," Markwis said. "Going from a fairly slow pitcher to a decent pitcher in the second game takes focus and patience. One thing we plan to work on is to make plays in pressure and key situations and to focus on paying attention to little details."

Before heading back to Mansfield the softball team made a stop in North Carolina to play St. Andrews. The Mountaineers got down early 5-0, but clawed back to within 5-4, only to fall short losing 5-4.

"I was not happy how we finished the week," Gallagher said. "We could have won both of those last two games and we did not perform as well as we should have under pressure."



SPORTS INFORMATION
Lindsay Knapp threw a no-hitter against Penn State-Harrisburg at Myrtle Beach, SC.

Despite losing their last two games the Mountaineers outscored their opponents 79-14. The Mountaineers have out hit their opponents 90-28 on the season and the pitching staff has an ERA of 1.45.

The pitching staff has been helped out by a defense that has just two errors on the season. "Our defense has played better than I thought we might for our first time on an infield," Gallagher said. "They did a great job coming out of the gym and adjusting to the field."

The Mountaineers will not play again until the PSAC home opener when they take on West Chester on March 28 at Helen Lutes field at 2 p.m.

I am excited for conference play to start," Christ said. I think we are going to surprise teams this season. We have the talent to make the playoffs and anything less would be heartbreaking."

Athletes, Parents, Coaches learn about sportsmanship

By ALLEN BENNETT
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University, Elite Therapy, PC of Mansfield and the Mansfield University Leadership Institute teamed up on March 1 to offer a free youth sportsmanship workshop.

From 9 a.m. until noon, players, parents, coaches and administrators from the Twin Tiers were in Straughn Auditorium to learn about sportsmanship, self-discipline, respect for the opponent, teamwork, constructive motivation and mentoring. It also addressed the appropriate roles of parents, coaches and athletes in youth sports.

The workshop was in conjunction with the Yogi Berra Sports Museum, a nonprofit sports education organization that is based on the campus of Montclair State.

While mostly young athletes were targeted, there was material for every age group at the workshop. The presentation entitled "Getting the most out of the athletic experience," was presented by Dr. Rob Gilbert, a professor of Sports Psychology, and John McCarthy, an award-winning teacher and coach of several youth sports. Both are associated with the Yogi Berra Sports Museum.

They shared their experiences with the crowd and showed clips from various movies dealing with various topics. Their basis dealt with the fact that even though few young people who participate in sports will go on to the professional level, they will go on to become adults. They believe that it is without any doubt that sportsmanship is a way of life on and off the field. It is important to resolve conflicts in life in a peaceful manner and it helps with tolerance, anger management and civility and can and should be incorporated into every child's education.

One of the items that was stressed was what sportsmanship was. They said it may be defined as respectful and ethical behavior in sports. It may also be defined as citizenship. They stressed many topics throughout the presentation and tried to imprint each young athlete with that along with other topics of interest.

They chose to hold this event because of the lack of sportsmanship in youth sports. "We, at Elite Therapy, had been discussing the needs in the area and wanted to do some programming. We felt that there was a need in this area, as in every area, for some sportsmanship education and sportsmanship programming," Laurie Zaparzynski, Mansfield University head trainer and event organizer, said. "We did that in hopes we could educate local athletes, coaches and parents about sportsmanship and all that comes with being part of an athletic team."

"It was a successful event," Zaparzynski said. "There was about 60 people there and about 40 of them were athletes. So 40 athletes had a wonderful experience with two really good speakers. It was take away messages that people got from that day."

They are planning on having more of these events as well.

"It was a kick-off event to more sportsmanship programming. Now its just a question of timing and getting it to fall at the right time of year," Zaparzynski said.

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'WOMEN'

Eastman played every game this season scoring 91 points.

Mansfield came back from a 36-24 losing score to almost beat the Huskies 64-62. Eastman and Reed each shot a three pointer to get the score within two points to make the score 60-58. Mansfield's defense kept Bloomsburg to only being able to make free throws for the rest of the game. Four free throws later and a jumper by Eastman, Mansfield's rally fell short as they lost their last game of the season.



PHOTO BY CHRIS BOSWELL
Jeannette Meacham, Brittany Reed and Kelli Eastman were honored on Senior Day before playing Bloomsburg University.

Chris Cummings wins second place at NCAA Division II National Championship

By CALEB GROVE AND NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Writer and Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Chris Cummings finished in second place at the NCAA Championships and Mike Gray qualified for PSAC's at the Coastal Carolina University Invitational over spring break.

Cumming's finished .01 seconds behind Daniel Kirwa of Harding University at the NCAA Division II National Indoor Track and Field Championships March 14-15 in Mankato, Minn. Cumming's photo finish was the closest mile finish ever at an NCAA Division II National Championship.

"I'm almost speechless over how well Chris performed," head coach Michael Rohl said. "I wasn't surprised Chris was able to be so close considering how much he's progressed throughout the years and all of his goals that he's completed so far. We're all ecstatic about how well he's done."

Cummings also joined the DMR team of Dave Sanford, Victor Garcia and Bryan Falcone in the NCAA Championships where they received a ninth place finish.

"Somewhere in the middle of the year we became the best track and field team we've ever had," Rohl said. "We won the CTC, our distance medley relay team qualified for the NCAA Championships which is a hard thing to do and Mike Gray qualified for Nationals. We simply had a strong, solid team this season."

While Cummings and the DMR team competed in the NCAA Championships, Mansfield's outdoor track and field team opened their season with a trip to the Coastal Carolina University Invitational over spring break.

With Mike Gray's first discus throw of 167-07, he broke the school record by 12 feet, automatically qualified for nationals, and came in first place throwing over nine feet further than the closest Division I athlete. The previous school record of 155-05 was set by Gray last year as a freshman.

"Mike was throwing good warm up throws and has been throwing really well in practices so we knew he'd go out and have a good opening meet," coach Steph Cadwell said. "I don't think he knew he'd throw as well as he did, but we weren't surprised. We were really excited for him though and I think he will continue to do better and throw further by the end of the season. It's not usual for your first throw to go that far. The nice thing is that all the pressure is off and he can go through the rest of the season not having to worry about qualifying anymore."

Grays also competed in the hammer throw where his toss of 123-04 was good enough for 33 place and also another school record, topping the old mark of 100-11. Gray additionally finished 12 in the shot put and 21 in the javelin.

Ryan Kelly also shared in the qualifying performances when she earned a spot in the PSAC's with a time of 1:00.02 in the 400 meter.

"Considering that Ryan has been sick the past three weeks, she went out and had a pretty good meet," Cadwell said. "But really, anyone being able to qualify at this early in the season has achieved something pretty outstanding."

Katrina Brumfield and Katie Foster also qualified for PSAC's. Both Brumfield and Foster cleared 5-01 and Foster additionally qualified and broke the school record in the triple jump (36-02.25). Brumfield also placed 31 in the 100-meter with a time of 13.17.

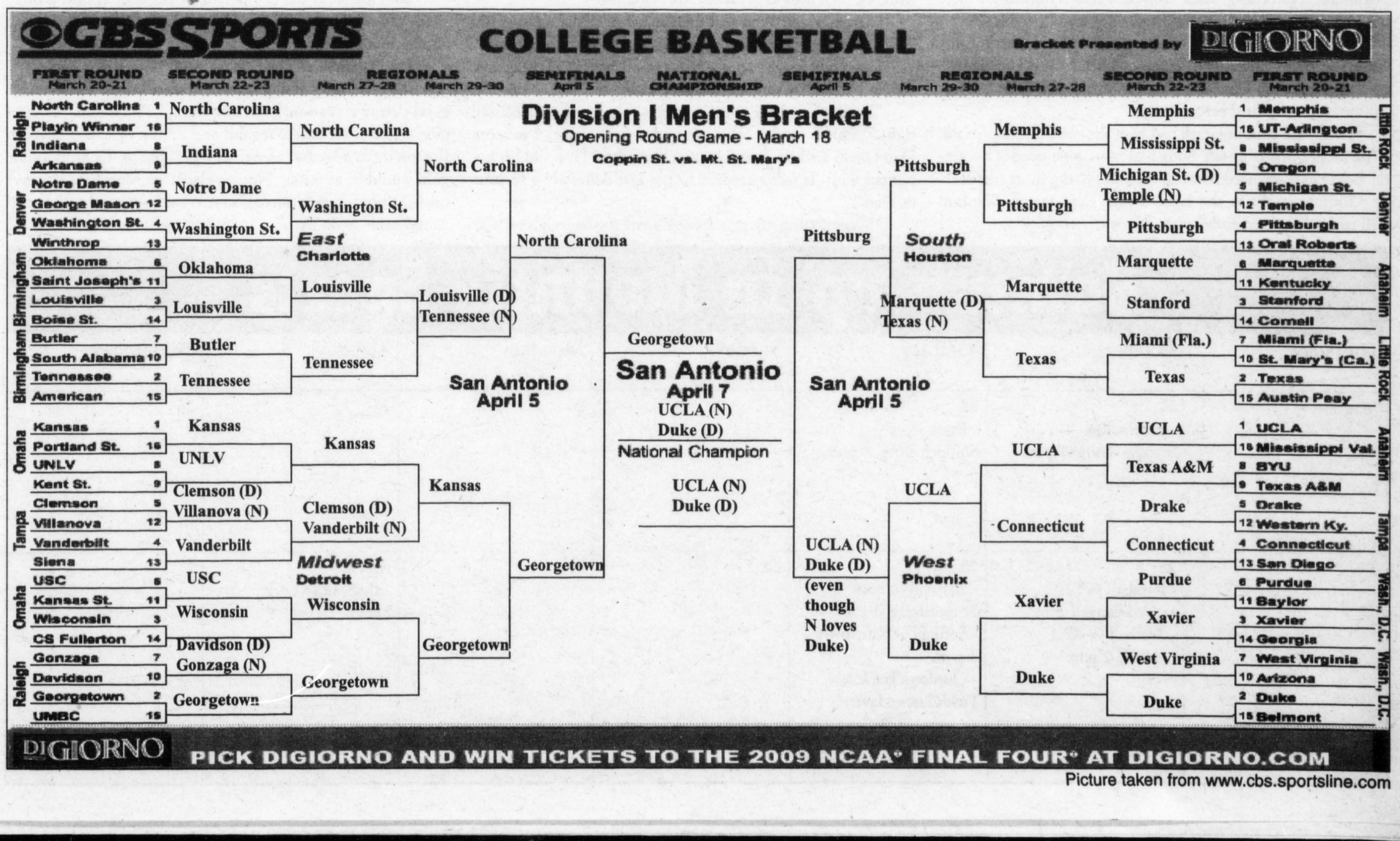
In the men's 3000 meter run, Joe Stanek earned 11 place with a time of 9:02.66 and John-Mark Stoltz came in 14 with a time of 9:07.33.

In the women's events, Irene Primmer was 28 in the 3000 with a time of 11:42.82. Tricia Learn and Lindzie Foster placed 60 and 62, respectively, in the 1500 with times of 5:29.37 and 5:30.43. In the 800-meter, Sarah Vivona finished with a time of 3:02.03.

"I think the first outdoor meet this season was a success," Cadwell said. "To train in the warm weather was an advantage for the athletes and we definitely started off on the right foot."

Danelle and Nicole's Bracketology Report: Bringing the readers all the NCAA Championship predictions straight from the Flashlight Office

Each week, we'll have the NCAA bracket posted to let the readers know who advances and who's going home. Our picks are placed as a guide and we'll correct each game as the championship continues. If a team has a slash through it, that means they don't advance. The winning team will be rewritten in italics. If there is any disagreement between the two of us, a (D) will be placed beside Danelle's pick while a (N) will be placed beside Nicole's pick.



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Chris Phifer and Jarrell Hill will travel to Boxing National Championship

By DANELLE MILLER AND NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Co-Editors

Mansfield University's Boxing Club sent five competitors to the regional championships at Ocean City, Md.

Team captain Chris Phifer, Jarrell Hill, Roi Ligon, Dan Lawrence and Solomon Isom traveled to the regional match-ups which lasted from March 14-16.

Hill and Phifer won silver medals and Ligon won bronze. Because of their silver medal placement, Hill and Phifer earn automatic spots in the National Championship in Reno, Nev. Ligon will have to wait until later this week to find out if any additional spots are open in his weight class at Nationals.

Bronze medalists must be nominated to be eligible for placement in nationals. Ligon was nominated by Ken Cooper, Lock Haven Head Coach and Vice President of the National Collegiate Boxing Association, and Ray Barone, Head Coach of Army and Chairman of the East region.

"Roi fought really well the second night and they look at regional performances when deciding who gets the extra spots at Nationals," Phifer said. "Also, his weight class is hurting for more boxers so I'd say he has a good chance of going again this year."

Hill fought at the 132 pound weight class against Johnny Garcia of Army and Addy Pizarro of Lock Haven University.

Hill defeated Garcia in the semi-finals on Friday, but lost to Pizarro in the final on Saturday.

"We were certain Jarrell had won the gold," Gillespie said. "The judges probably felt Addy had more hits. Jarell is a counter-boxer and we need to work on him getting more hits in."

Phifer fought in the heavyweight class against Winford Bell of Lock Haven and Cedric Fraser of Army.

Phifer defeated Bell on Friday in the semi-finals and advanced to the final match-up against Fraser, where he lost. He had fought Fraser at the Mansfield Invitational earlier in the semester.

"Chris was close to winning gold," Gillespie said. "He can put together combos, but he needs to learn to get away from people. His opponents can get inside and start rushing him and push him into a corner. Chris needs to change his style. He needs to take charge. We're working on his left jab, right cross and pivoting away over the next three weeks."

Ligon fought in the 125 pound weight class against Danilo Garcia of Army and Jake Winowich of Penn State.

Ligon faced Garcia on Friday in the semi-final, but lost the bout. Like Phifer, Ligon fought Garcia earlier in the season at the Mansfield home match. Because of the limited number of people in the pool of boxers, Ligon was able to fight in a consolation match. Ligon defeated Winowich and gained not only a medal, but also a nomination into Nationals.

"Roi needs to work on his pivot and to become stronger. A strength he has is a repetitive left jab," Gillespie said. "We are working with him to get ready for Nationals."

Lawrence and Isom lost their matches at the quarterfinal level and did not qualify for the National Championships.

Lawrence fought at the 156 pound weight class against Steven Nichols of Virginia Military Institute.

"I don't think the judges got this decision right," Phifer said. "This was the best fight I've seen Dan box in a while. Everyone was like 'what? How did his opponent win?' It was a surprise to me and definitely a surprise to Dan."

"I was getting my punches off first, so the only downfall I could think of during the match was that I let up towards the end of the third round - believing I already had enough points to win the match," Lawrence said. "It goes to show that you can't ever take it easy or give an opponent any leeway. It doesn't matter if your ranked one or 10- don't take anyone as a joke."



SPORTS INFORMATION

Chris Phifer won the silver medal at the regional boxing match in Ocean City, Md.

Isom fought at the 175 pound weight class against Donny Brady of Lock Haven. This was Isom's second fight of the season and his first regional appearance. He lost in a split decision.

The Nationals will be held on April 10 in Reno, Nev.

"Depending if Roi gets in, I think all three of us have a good chance at Nationals in three weeks," Phifer said. "Our region is one of the harder regions and I think we can all place in the top three if we box as well as we're able to. To bring home gold would be amazing. No one else from Mansfield has ever brought home a gold medal, so it would mean a lot if one of us were able to do that."

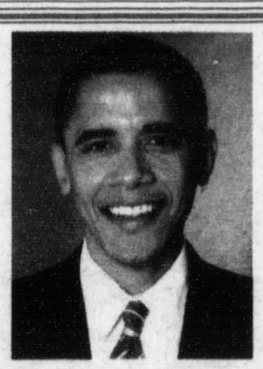
Coming up in Mountie Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mar. 20	21 - Baseball @ Shippensburg, 1 p.m.	22 - Baseball vs Shippensburg, 1 p.m.	23	24	25	26
27	28 - Baseball vs East Stroudsburg, 1 p.m. - Softball vs West Chester, 2 p.m.	29 - Baseball @ East Stroudsburg, 1 p.m. - Softball at Kutztown, 1 p.m. - Outdoor Track & Field, Lock Haven	30	31	Apr. 1 - Baseball @ Lock Haven, 1 p.m.	2

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Today's Weather
Rain/Snow Showers

High- 44°F
Overnight Low- 33°F

Mansfield students able to use web server again



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By KAY BARRETT
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Computer Science Club has recently reopened its student web server for MU student use.

Mansfield Student Web is a web server created solely for use by Mansfield University students and organizations. The web server was previously used by MU students until it shut down. The server is now back up and running because of the Computer Science Club's efforts to restore the web server.

Richard Keiser is the President of the Computer Science Club and he wants people to know that the web server has once again been made available free of charge.

"Unlike other web servers, we're not hosting eCommerce sites," Keiser said, "Our web server is completely free for student use."

Keiser would also like people to know that any MU student or organization can use the web server.

"Anyone can create their own personal web site. It's for use by students, clubs, sororities or fraternities… basically, anyone at the university can go online and apply for a web page," Keiser said.

Organizational web sites would make it possible for members to stay connected, post information about upcoming events and communicate outside of weekly meetings.

Although Keiser is the Computer Science Club President, he says most of the work on the web server was done by second semester freshman and Computer Science major Clete Blackwell.

"I am the server administrator and I am in charge of keeping it running smoothly," Blackwell said, "In order to get an account, all students and organizations need to do is fill out the form [online] or e-mail the club."

The online forms for students or organizations are made available at Mansfield University Student Web URL: mustuweb.mnsfld.edu. The forms can be completed and submitted online. For students who want an account at Mansfield Student Web, Blackwell mentions that the server can also host much more than just his or her personal web site.

"We give each student space on our web server to host their own web sites, blogs, forums or anything else they wish to host," Blackwell said.

Blackwell also wants people who previously used the web server to know their account can be made available now.

"If anyone has had an account with us before, they simply need to e-mail us with their old account login and we will restore their account as it was, " Blackwell said.

Anyone with questions about Mansfield Student Web can visit the above URL or contact the Computer Science Club at mustuweb@clete2.com.

"Lost Boy" of Sudan to speak at Mansfield University

By JAMIE CURTIS
Flashlight Writer

John Bul Dau, one of the "Lost Boys" of Sudan will speak at Mansfield University on March 27 at 7 p.m. in Straughn Hall.

Dau will speak after *God Grew Tired of Us* is shown. The documentary is based on the experiences of three boys from Sudan who were orphaned by a civil war and who traveled barefoot across the Saharan desert.

John Bul Dau, Daniel Abol Pach and Panther Blor were among the 25,000 "Lost Boys," ages 3 to 13, who fled their villages, formed replacement families and sought refuge from famine, disease, wild animals and attacks from rebel soldiers.

According to information provided by the Public Affairs Office of Syracuse University, Dau's 14 year journey led him from his home in Duk County, Sudan in 1987 to his arrival in Syracuse, NY in 2001. During his journey of more than 1,000 miles and many years in refugee camps, he was one of the older boys who led thousands of children to survive violence and starvation. The documentary also focuses on Sudanese adjustment to life in the United States.

In addition to the documentary, Dau will describe how he helped others and what motivated him to do so, despite risking his own life.

"I have seen this documentary and heard John Dau speak. It was a transformational experience," President Maravene Loeschke said. "The experience has put the rest of my life in a greater context regarding the human condition; my life is forever changed."

Dau has created organizations such as the Sudanese Lost Boys Foundation of New York, which helps Sudanese youth with the transition to life in the United States and the American Care for Sudan Foundation (ASCF) of New York, which operates the Duk Lost Boys Clinic in Sudan.

This event is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Mansfield University Leadership Institute.

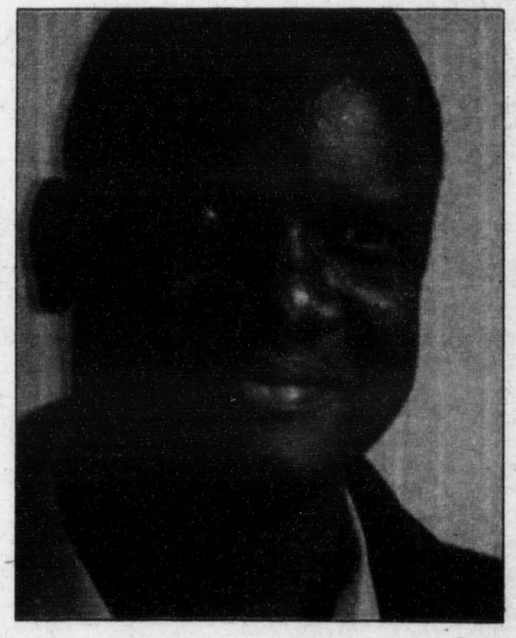


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John Bul Dau was orphaned by a civil war, and traveled across the Saharan Desert

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Hope takes flight for MU senior and friends

"It's such a small and simple thing to do."

That's what Mansfield University senior Katie Rose says of the effort that began as a way to cheer up a child battling cancer and now could earn him a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

Rose, a social work major, found out about Hunter Winship, a five-year old from Freedom, NY who is battling a rare form of cancer, through an email from Professor Nancy Sidell, chair of the Social Work, Sociology and Anthropology Department.

The email to all Social Work Club members told of the effort that started out as a way to cheer Hunter up as he is undergoing treatment and turned into a drive to claim the world record for collecting the most paper airplanes.

After making a few herself, Rose decided to enlist the help of a few other people. She thought it would just be a few from her hometown, in Honesdale, PA, where she is completing an internship in the school district this spring, and on the MU campus.

The effort quickly snowballed and now Rose, with the help of faculty and fellow Social Work Club members, is working out the logistics of delivering more than 12,000 paper airplanes to Hunter.

Rose is quick to deflect any credit for herself saying, "All I did was ask," and she is quicker to praise everyone, especially the students, who took her request and turned into a huge get well wish.

"People may think they're self-centered and only think what can you do for me, but give them a chance," she said. "I was sitting there staring at the kids in my class during recess yesterday thinking, they did this. They cared."

Hunter Winship has already received more than a million paper airplanes from around the world and the total continues to rise daily. Twelve thousand more are on their way from the Keystone State, many carrying special messages from Katie Rose and friends.

"Those are the ones that really got me," Rose said. "They say things like 'love you buddy' or 'hang in there friend.' I wish every kid who has cancer, anyone who has a problem, doesn't ever have to think that no one cares about them."

Author of 'Full Frontal Feminism' speaks to students and faculty

By DEBRA MARBAKER

Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University's Women's Studies Program presented Jessica Valenti, March 20, 2008, who spoke about why she wrote her book, "Full Frontal Feminism: A Young Woman's Guide to Why Feminism Matters".

"It means a lot to me that girls and women understand feminism; that feminism isn't judged from its stereotypes," Valenti said. Valenti opened her book and read a section from it to the audience.

"What is the worst thing you can call a girl? Don't hold back," Valenti said.

The audience yelled out common 'bad words'. "What is the worst thing you can call a guy?" Valenti said. The audience uttered more 'bad words', this time referring to men. "The worst thing you can call a girl is a girl. The worst thing you can call a guy is a girl. Being a woman is the ultimate insult," Valenti said.

Valenti also explained the importance of her website, www.feministing.com, in the feminist world. Founded by Valenti in 2004, feministing.com posts articles relevant to women and the battles women are fighting. She invited everyone in the audience to check out the site.

Valenti finished her presentation with a question and answer session during which no-one asked questions.

Connie Brant, staff member at the Mansfield University Bookstore, was selling Valenti's book outside of the presentation room for $15.99. "The books sold out. We could have sold five more if we had them," Brant said.

Dr. Judith Sornberger, chair of the Women's Studies Program, uses the book as class material.

"I'm in Dr. Sornberger's class, so I've been reading the book all along. She [Valenti] says what I've always believed. It's what I teach my kids," Mansfield University Psychology major Pat Cormier said.

"I expected about 100 people. There were more than 150 people. It was an excellent turnout," Sornberger said.

Campus Events Calendar

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
March 27 - 7 p.m. Straughn Auditorium - John Dau presents "God Grew Tired of Us." Free and open to the public.	28 - 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Visitation Day, Steadman Theatre	29	30 - 7:30 p.m. - Mansfield Brass Quintet	31 - Regestration for fall semester begins	April 1 - 12 - 5 p.m. - Annual Job/Opportunities Fair, KFC. Business casual attire required.	2 - 4 - 6 p.m. - "Teaching with the power of comics" with Andy Wales, 111 Allen Hall - 7- 8:30 p.m. - University Lecture Series Event: Ethics in the 21st Century
3 - 1 - 2 p.m. - Career Series Workshop: Interviewing Strategies, 314 AHSC	4 - 8 p.m. - Jazz Ensemble Concert - 8 p.m. - Lady Antebellum concert - Straughn Auditorium	5 - 6 a.m. - SAO Bus trip to New York City	6 - 3 p.m. - Jazz Ensemble Reunion concert	7 - 8 p.m. - Percussion Ensemble concert	8 - 4 - 5:30 p.m. - University Lecture Series Event - Tuberculosis , the Silent Killer Pandemic	9

What in the World? News in a flash by Laura and Becca

Dept. of Justice approved XM-Sirius merger; now it's up to the FCC

By LAURA HALL
Flashlight News Co-Editor

The U.S. Department of Justice announced on Monday the approval of the merging of the XM and Sirius satellite radio companies.

The Department of Justice determined that a merger between the two companies was not competitive. According to cnn.com, their defense was "that other media companies, such as Clear Channel, CBS or even Apple with its iTunes software and iPod music player served as alternate
options for music and media customers."

Thomas Barnett is the Assistant Attorney General.

"Since we determined that there was no competition between the companies, we did not need to set any conditions [on the merger]," Barnett said.

Now that the Department of Justice has approved, the Federal Communications Commission must also approve the merger. The FCC may also create requirements for the deal.

It has not yet been decided what the new service will cost or what stations will be available.

Currently, both XM and Sirius charge a $12.95 per month subscription fee for their most primitive packages. Some consumers have feared that a merger between the two companies would mean an increased monthly subscription fee, but according to cnn.com, "the companies said last year that they would be willing to offer a so-called "a la carte" price plan where consumers could pick certain packages for less money."

As for which device would support the new satellite station, XM is the only one that has told its consumers they wouldn't need a new unit in order to continue receiving new programming.

The XM - Sirius merger would create a company with approximately 14 million subscribers.

Egypt experiencing bread shortage crisis

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Egypt is currently experiencing a bread shortage due to rising food prices.

Government bakeries sell subsided bread, that is a staple of peoples diets. Acute shortages have caused hours long waits and violence outbreaks.

At least seven people have died. Two were stabbed during a fight while waiting in line, and the rest have died from exhaustion or other medical problems aggravated by the heat.

Saber Ahmed, a 17 year old, waits in lines four hours daily to get bread for him and his colleagues. "Our life has become so miserable. We can't afford unsubsidized bread or any food to eat it with," Ahmed said.

Unsubsidized bread sells for 10 to 12 times the subsidized price.

There is a decades-old-system that provides subsidized bread, plus subsidies for public transportation and gasoline. The system also provides subsides for some other food staples, specifically for the poor.

Rising commodity prices - especially for flour - have made bread less affordable - thus the demand going up.

Last week, President Hosni Mubarak ordered the army to increase the production and distribution of subsidized bread to cope with the shortages.

Recently, the army has opened 10 bakeries in Cairo to produce cheap bread, and has set up about 500 kiosks to sell bread to the public.

The state-owned Al-Ahram newspaper said Mubarak's order to the armed forces to intervene "means that he has declared an emergency state to combat the crisis."

Mubarak has ordered the government to use foreign currency reserves to buy additional wheat. The government will add 15 million new names to the list of those receiving cheap rations of food. That and other measures will most likely increase the governments annual food subsidy costs anywhere from 3.1 billion to 13.7 billion this year.



PHOTO COURTESY OF FOODBYCOUNTRY.COM
Egyptian President Mubarak has ordered the army to produce more bread to cope with the shortages.

History Club is sponsoring an event called "Can you keep a promise to save a lift," to help the fight against hunger in Darfur Sudan Africa.

When: March 26, 2008
Where: Upper and Lower Manser
Hours: 10:30 a.m.-4:29 p.m.

The History Club is asking students, staff and faculty not to eat lunch during the hours of 10:30 a.m.-4:29 p.m. on March 26, 2008. If they can get enough people not to eat, Sedexho will donate money to History Club that will go to Darfur. We are asking for no eating so that we as a community get a small taste of how hunger feels and what the people of Darfur feel. So they are asking students that participate not to eat lunch and faculty and staff who usually eat in Manser to donate their lunch money.

History Club is asking for a promise and for those who wish to participate to sign his/her name on poster board saying that he/she will keep this promise. The club will be sitting in Lower Manser from March 24 - March 28.

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Come to our meetings on Tuesdays at 5 p.m. in Jazzmans to see what we're all about!

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ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

You and your big heart are going through some craziness right now and while it might not be the most fun you've ever had, you can tell that it's a lot better than what could have happened instead!

TAURUS
APRIL 20 - MAY 20

You've got some major emotions working their way through your heart right now and they might interfere with your daily business. Let them! There's no way to bypass them and you're better off coping now.

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 21

Think about your health today and figure out at least one positive step you can take to improve it. Your connection with your body is incredibly strong and you should find yourself working better together.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22

Intense emotions are having their way with you and that could be fun or distressing depending on the context. Whether you like it or not, though, you should be a lot calmer by tomorrow.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Your attention is required elsewhere -- but you may not know where! It's one of those days that seems to drag on in the wrong parts and then rush ahead past the good stuff, but you'll settle down soon.

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

You've got farther to go before you're satisfied, so don't be shy about pushing deeper and deeper until you can tell you've reached the end. Things should be much clearer by the very end of the day.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Your intensity is all you really need to get you going -- and wherever you go, you'll go deep. If you're involved romantically, this might be a good time to heat things up a little bit.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

Now is the perfect time to add new people to your entourage -- in fact, you probably won't be able to keep them away! If you're looking for someone in particular, they'll come soon.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

You need to take it easy for now, because your energy is moving at a slower pace than the rest of the world. That could make you grumpy, but the good news is that you're working out some subconscious issues.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

You need to make sure that you're not coming across as holier-than-thou -- because you're certainly not feeling that way! Your detachment could signal almost anything to those who don't know you well.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Your feelings are running a lot deeper than you're used to and that could mean that you've got something big to discuss with a family member or friend. Try to take care of it soon!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Leave off any important decisions for a few more days -- you're still weighing your options, even if you can't really figure out the specifics. Your intuition needs a little more time to process.

The Book Nook:

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants

By: CARRIE GOODYEAR
Flashlight Features Editor

The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants is by Ann Brashares.

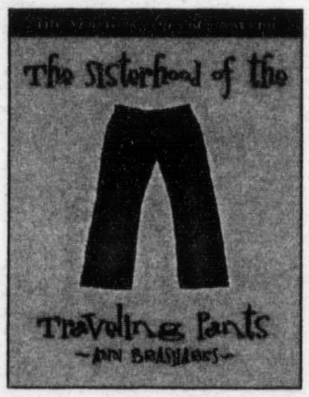
It is a story about four best friends, Carmen, Tibby, Bridget, and Lena. All four girls have different and distinct personalities.

Carmen's strength is writing and some day she wishes to be a journalist. Tibby is a sarcastic soul who makes film documentaries. Bridget is a soccer star and she is also a bit unpredictable. Lena is shy, Greek and an artist as well.

In the beginning of the novel, all four girls are going on a shopping trip to a local thrift store. They are talking about the fact that this will be their first summer apart from each other.

Carmen is going to visit her father in South Carolina. Bridget is heading to soccer camp in Baja, Calif. Lena is making a trip to Greece to visit her grandparents and Tibby is staying home to work and work on her documentary.

While shopping, the girls find a pair of pants that magically fit all of them. They decide that for the summer they are apart, the pants will travel between them.



GOOGLE IMAGES
This book would make a great summer read.

A majority of the novel chronicles the journey of the pants and each girls experience with them.

This novel is a great light-hearted read. The story currently continues through a series of four books.

This day in history

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On this day in 1998, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved use of the drug Viagra, an oral medication that treats impotence.

Sildenafil, the chemical name for Viagra, is an artificial compound that was originally synthesized and studied to treat hypertension (high blood pressure) and angina pectoris (a form of cardiovascular disease). Chemists at the Pfizer pharmaceutical company found, however, that while the drug had little effect on angina, it could induce penile erections. The reaction took about an hour, a little longer if the pill was taken after eating fatty foods. Seeing the economic opportunity in such a biochemical effect, Pfizer decided to market the drug for impotence. Sildenafil was patented in 1996, and a mere two years later--a stunningly short time compared to other drugs--it was approved by the FDA for use in treating "erectile dysfunction," the new clinical name for impotence. Though unconfirmed, it is believed the drug was invented by Peter Dunn and Albert Wood.

50 year old satellite outlived the scientists who built it

By LAURA HALL
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Not only is it orbiting Earth at 400 – 2,400 miles in altitude, it is also 'over the hill.'

Vanguard 1, the oldest surviving artificial Earth satellite, turned 50 years old in orbit on March 17.

Being the oldest satellite is not the only feat that Vanguard has accomplished. Since being launched at the beginning of the Space Age (and before NASA was created), Vanguard has been in stable orbit for decades (completing over 197,000 Earth orbits), but it's even bigger feat is out-living almost all of the people who developed it.

Vanguard 1 is a 3.25 lb. and 6.4 in. wide sphere that was named in 1955, in hope that it would be the leader in the forefront of human expansion into space.

Vanguard 1 was the first artificial Earth satellite powered by solar panels. It also led scientists to discover that the Earth isn't round (it is slightly pear shaped with a bulge at the equator) along with other information about Earth's air density, temperature ranges and the micrometeorite density into space.

In 1964 contact with Vanguard 1 was lost, but that is not where NASA wants its life to end. According to msnbc.com, they hope to add, "first satellite brought home, for museum display, by a new generation of robotic space vehicles" to Vanguard 1's list of feats.

One plan is to send an ion-engine robot to "hitch hike" on a communication satellite, then match orbit with Vanguard 1, (which could take a year or two) "grab it and wrap it in an inflatable hollow shell that would increase its air drag a thousand times, bringing it down in a few years," msnbc.com said.

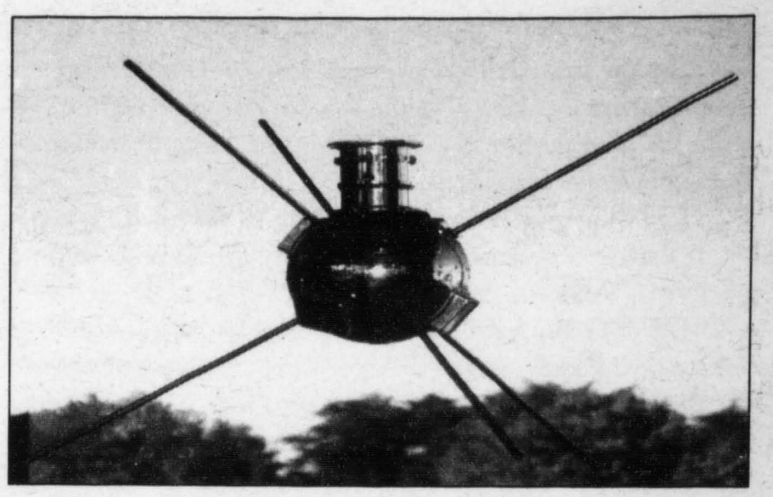
Then, before re-entering the atmosphere, another robot would install an inflatable thermal shield and a recovery beacon on Vanguard 1. The robot would then bump the satellite so it would land on a "target continent or push it close enough to the international space station for pick up by a visiting spacecraft."

Dennis Wingo is the author of "Moonrush: Improving Life on Earth with the Moon's Resources."

According to Wingo, bringing Vanguard 1 back to Earth could bring forth two benefits.

"This could be a demonstration of a robust on-orbit servicing capability for industry," Wingo said. "Studying the recovered Vanguard craft could give scientists insights not possible otherwise regarding the long-term environmental effects of space and space debris on a spacecraft orbiting higher than the international space station and other vehicles accessible to astronauts."

If Vanguard 1 is recovered it will most likely go to the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, to reside alongside the Freedom 7 space capsule and the Apollo 11 spacecraft.



GOOGLE IMAGES
Vanguard 1 is the oldest surviving artificial Earth satellite.

Robert Pearlman is the editor of the CollectSpace web site, which focuses on space history and memorabilia.

"Saving Vanguard as a representative of that early era of the Space Age would serve as an important touchstone for future generations who look back and wonder how it all started," Pearlman said. "Vanguard's primary mission in space may be long over, but its mission back on Earth holds the potential to last far longer."

Undergraduate students are experiencing more stress

By NANCY EDWARDS
Flashlight Writer

Feeling stressed? Well, according to a study done by the Associated Press and mtvU, that emotion is common among most college undergraduates in the U.S.

The Associated Press and mtvU, a television network, conducted a survey coast to coast to poll U.S. undergrads of their thoughts of college. The poll reported that nearly one in five students say they feel stress all or most of the time. Four in 10 students say they endure stress often.

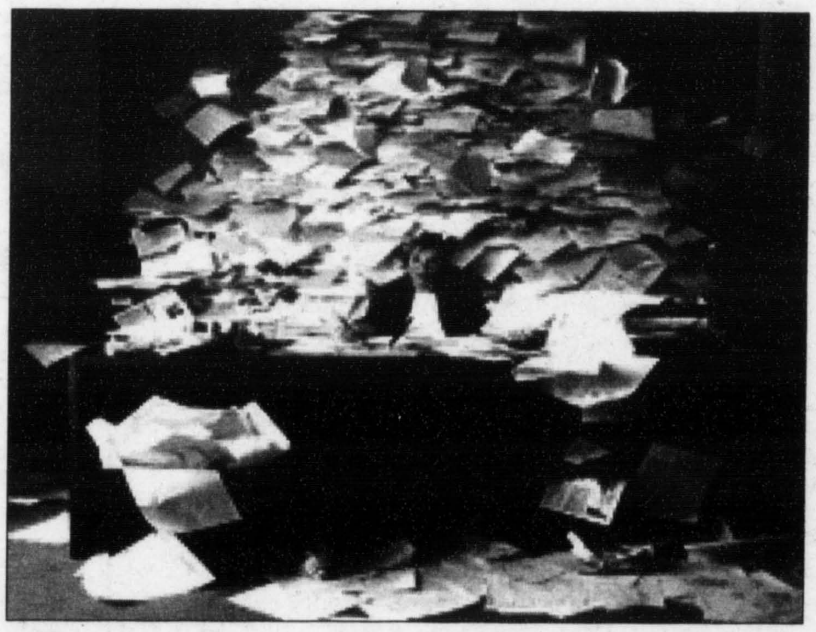
Most of the classic stress symptoms that were cited included trouble concentrating, sleeping, finding motivation and eating problems. Many also mentioned that they had been agitated, worried, lonely and tired of school work on a day to day basis.

The most common cited sources of stress are caused by financial issues, relationships, dating, family problems and taking on too many extracurricular activities.

Thirteen percent said they have been diagnosed with a mental health condition such as depression or anxiety. Some mentioned they have had suicidal thoughts because of stress, or have known someone else with those thoughts.

Some undergrads are consumed by thoughts of the future that it is affecting their present lives. One in five said they feel too stressed about homework to enjoy time spent with their friends. About the same number said they have even considered dropping out of college due to the inability to cope with stress.

The poll also showed that many students are anxious about the future, mostly about how to handle the pressure of finding a job post college. Twenty-six percent of the students say they have considered talking to a school counselor or other professional for help. But only 15 percent of those students have actually talked to a school counselor about their worries. Most students claimed to talk to friends, parents or siblings about their problems.



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Stress is piling up on undergraduate students.

For those who are enjoying college and not feeling these thoughts of stress, 6 out of 10 in the coast to coast survey agree and say they are usually hopeful and enjoy life, especially when it comes to their college experiences. Half of those students believe that their families are a major priority to their success.

For those who are stressed: fear not, summer is approaching faster than we think (not to stress anyone out with thoughts of finals, term papers, presentations, projects, etc.). But try to remember this when those feelings of stress rise up: life is too short to spend it worrying.

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Mummified dinosaur 67 million years old found in North Dakota

By JILL KAUFFMAN
Flashlight Writer

Scientists are uncovering a rare find in the basement of the state museum in North Dakota: An almost complete dinosaur. The dinosaur is more than just bones. Some of its tissue and skin were also fossilized.

The dinosaur mummy is an Edmontosaurus, a plant eating dinosaur that lived approximately 67 million years ago.

The dinosaur was discovered in 1999 by Tyler Lyson, who is now a 25 year old graduate student at Yale University. He made the discovery on his uncle's ranch in North Dakota. He began to unearth the fossils in 2004 and realized that it was unique.

The mummified dinosaur is nicknamed Dakota and appears to have most of its skin intact. Phil Manning is a paleontologist who is working on the excavation. "The skin has been mineralized," Manning said. "It is an actual three-dimensional structure, backfilled with sediment."

The mass of ground Dakota was found in was moved to California to be scanned by a computerized tomography, or CT, scanner that was developed by NASA to scan space shuttle parts. "The CT scan is like a roadmap," Manning said. "It will help us recover the rest of the animal more easily and efficiently."

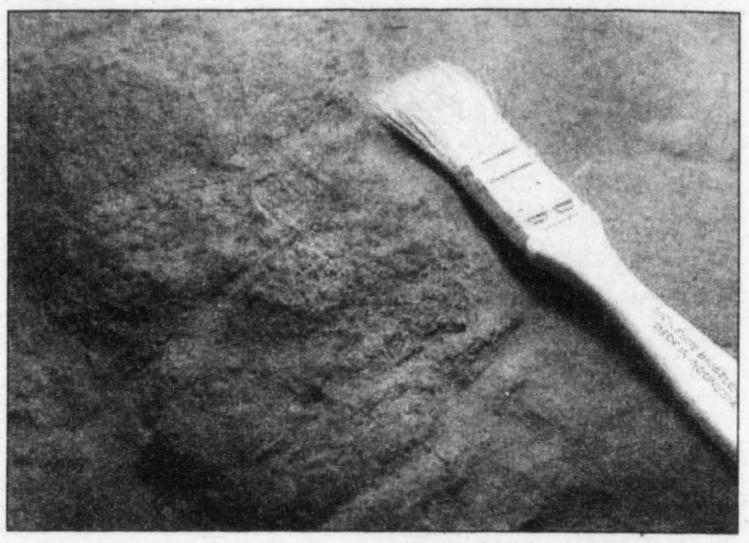
The scan revealed some unknown information about the dinosaur. The hindquarters are 25 percent larger than previously estimated. They also discovered that the vertebrae were spaced 10 millimeters apart. Manning says this could mean that scientists might have been underestimating the size of dinosaurs.

Dakota is currently in a museum in North Dakota. John Hoganson, a paleontologist with the North Dakota Geologic Survey, says it may take a year to completely uncover the dinosaur.

It is unusual for skin and flesh to be preserved after death. "The process of decay was overtaken by that of fossilization, preserving many of the soft-tissue structures," Manning said.

Stephen Begin is a Michigan consultant on the project. "It may turn out to be one of the best mummies, because of the quality of the skin that we're finding and the extent of the skin that's on the specimen," Begin said.

Lyson would like to have a world tour featuring the dinosaur before bringing it back to his hometown of Marmarth, ND.



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This side of the mummified dinosaur has perfectly preserved skin and tissue.

Rising country band comes to Mansfield University

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Lady Antebellum will be performing at Mansfield University April 4 at 8p.m. in Straughn Auditorium.

Lady Antebellum is a country band on the rise. Their first album is due out on April 15, 2008, and they are nominated for "Top New Group" at the 2008 Academy of Country Music Awards.

The first single from Lady Antebellum, "Love Don't Live Here Anymore," has soared up the country radio charts. They've performed on the Grand Ole Opry, served as the opening act on Martina McBride's 2008 arena tour and opened shows for Kenny Chesney, Carrie Underwood, Tim McGraw, Alan Jackson, Taylor Swift, Josh Turner, Phil Vassar, Rodney Atkins and Little Big Town.

Outlets like Billboard, Country Weekly, MSN Music and the Boston Globe included Lady Antebellum among their annual shortlists of artists to watch in 2008 and Nashville Lifestyles magazine called them "the next big thing."

Lady Antebellum is comprised of Hillary Scott, Charles Kelly and Dave Haywood. They got together in the summer of 2006, and "cooked up a unique blend that mingles classic country, 1960s R&B soulfulness and the heart-on-the-sleeve openness of 1970s singer songwriters," according to CMT.com

Scott met Kelly at a downtown Nashville music spot—having recognized him from his MySpace page. She introduced herself, and they ended up agreeing to try writing together. Dave was Charles friend since middle school and they were co-writers since they attended college together. Haywood and Kelly were staying at Kelly's brother's house. Scott would come over, and they would write. "We held ourselves hostage in a writing room until the early hours of the morning every night," Haywood said.

Soon the three established themselves. Scott and Kelly were the vocal duo, and Haywood was the instrumentalist who added in his harmony vocals. "I'm the analytical perfectionist, Hillary brings the silliness and the emotion, and Dave is the calming glue," Kelly said. "Everyone balances everybody else out."

By April 2007, Lady Antebellum had signed a recording contract with Capitol Nashville. Lady Antebellum's 11 songs on their debut album—10 of which were co-written by the band—capture the trio's musical interplay, emotional directness and their spirit. "It still overwhelms me," Scott said. "I'm a true believer that what's meant to be will fall into place. When the ride starts, you've just got to jump on."

Clarence Crisp, director of student activities at Mansfield University, is in charge of putting the concert together. "I believe Lady Antebellum will be a success because of the area. This is a rural area," Crisp said. "A lot of people like country music here. Some students have gotten tickets already."

In order to choose what type of groups to bring to the university, Crisp travels to different conferences where there are showcases. He gets to see performers and how the students react to them.

"I like to look at what is popular. There is a lot of student response, so I base it on that," Crisp said. "Lady Antebellum is making their way up the charts and they are up for an award, so this makes it more attractive."

Mansfield Students will be admitted free and general admission is ten dollars. Students can pick up Lady Antebellum tickets in advance at Alumni Hall, room 323. General admission tickets are available at the campus bookstore, or with a credit card by (570)-662-4983

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Designer spring fashion for students on a budget

By KIMBERLEE BLOCKER
Flashlight Fashion Writer

Don't let the cold weather and the gloomy days get you down, because spring is coming in full swing.

We all know that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb so those winter clothes will be packed and pushed to the back. Spring is all about funky tops, bright colors, cute dresses and flirtatious shoes.

Your mind is telling you to get that cute Marc Jacobs' transparent purse but your wallet isn't in agreement. There are ways to go about getting the latest in fashion without spending your entire paycheck on one item.

The bohemian and floral look is really big this spring and can be very costly. Of course you want to look as if you strolled right off the runway but who wants to pay the runway price? Old Navy is a very affordable, yet fashionable store that constantly stays up on the latest trends.

If you are dying to have that flattering V-neck floral shirt or that darling safari inspired tube top Old Navy has you covered with prices ranging from $12.50 to $24.50. Old Navy is also a great place to find that light weight spring dress for any occasion. They have spring dresses for every size, of every length and color for any personality ranging from $29.50 to $34.50.

Can't seem to find that cute pair of jeans? H&M clothing store is another place that has all the latest fashion trends at the tips of your fingers for great prices. The trendy denim trousers that are all the rave this spring are only $24.50. H&M is also a great place for men to shop. The fashionable waist coat that seems to be a reoccurring trend is only $24.90 for the male who is on a budget.

Need a cute pair of wedges for that night out on the town or just to add to your wardrobe? Payless is the perfect place for stylish yet inexpensive shoes for every season. With heels for the dressiest of wardrobes to the more casual, Payless has it covered. Anyone can easily walk out that store with high fashion inspired shoes for a mere $19.99, maybe even less, and for more variety check out their website!

What would be an outfit if there are no cute accessories to complete it? Accessories can easily be found anywhere. Stores such as Rue 21, Forever 21, Rave, Claire's, The Icing, Wet Seal, Body Central, Charlotte Russe or even Wal-mart(yes Wal-mart) has designer inspired accessories to fit any outfit. Never think that you have to spend hundreds of dollars on a bracelet because you noticed it in a Vogue magazine.

For those of you who may enjoy name brand urban clothing, but don't exactly have Kimora Lee Simmons money there is hope for you yet! Retail clothing stores such as Burlington Coat Factory, A.J. Wright, Marshalls and even T.J. Maxx provide the working class with name brand clothing at a cheaper price.

Granted some of the clothing may be a season or edition behind but they are still items that can be worn or items that can be put with something else to complete an outfit. Surprisingly and contrary to some shopper's belief Macy's is also another retailer with clothing that can be very affordable with their constant coupons, savings and sales. Name brand clothing can be bought here for an affordable price.

If you don't feel like going out, stores on the Internet are always an option. The Internet can provide the same low prices as the stores, and sometimes be even cheaper. Fashion isn't about how much it costs, it's about how well clothing can be put together to make it stylish.



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If your budget won't permit designer wear, check out stores like H&M and Old Navy.

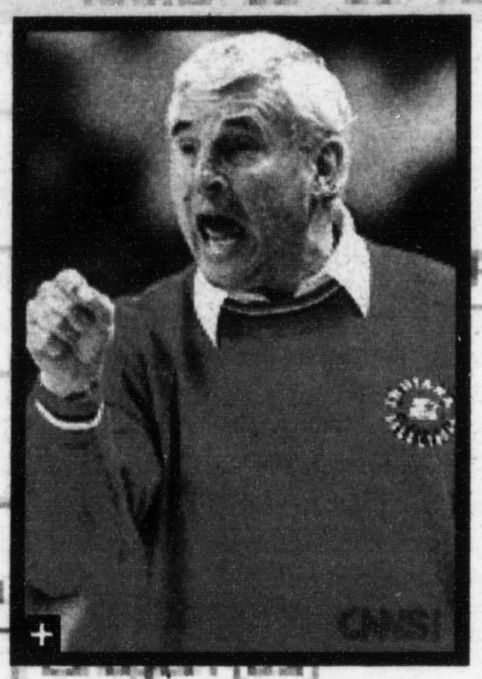
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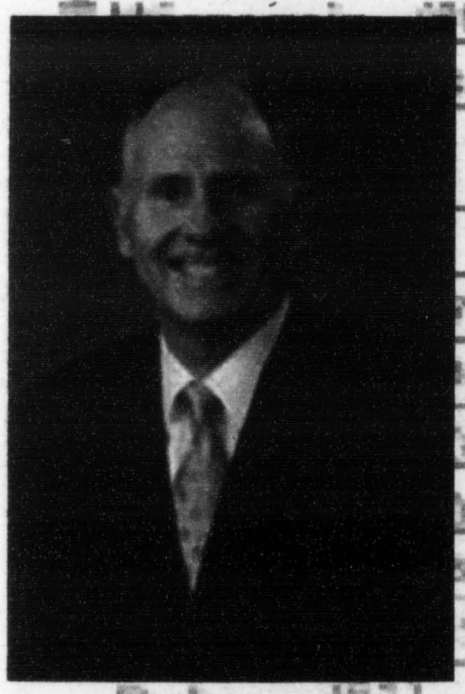
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The last to be perfect

In 1976 Bob Knight led the Indiana Hoosiers to a perfect 32-0 season. The Hoosiers defeated Michigan 86-68 in the final game to finish undefeated. Indiana was the seventh team to finish a season undefeated but no team has achieved a perfect season since. UNLV came close in 1991 but lost in the semi-finals.



Bob Knight coached Indiana to a perfect season in 1976. No one has done it since.



Coach Jim Larranaga shocked the nation when he led his 11 seeded Patriots to the final four in 2006

The little guy steps up to the table

In 2006 little known George Mason excited the nation when they advanced all the way to the final four as an 11 seed. The Patriots are one of only two teams seeded in double digits to advance to the final four(LSU in 1986) the lowest seeded team to ever make it to the final four. The Patriots, who play in the Colonial Athletic Association were one of the last teams selected to make the tournament, but certainly made a name for themselves. Along the way to the final four the Patriots beat Michigan State, Wichita State, North Carolina and Connecticut. The Patriots lost in the final four to eventual champion Florida.

March Madness is a littl realm of experience. Ho arguably the most excitin ing college basketball. S week's edition of the Fla have turned the center p Editor-in-chief and sport Bohannon. This week is memorable moments in of March Madness inclu sets, longest winning str much more.

So far this year's version of George Maso is Western Kentucky. The Hilltoppers are normally over shadowed by the Unive sity of Kentucky. In fact, they are only in the tournament because they won the Su Belt conference tournament. Despite thi fact, they beat five seed Drake in overtim to advance to the second round where the beat San Diego. The Hilltoppers now fac number one seed UCLA, which will be their toughest game yet, but as this tourn ment has showed us time and time again, anything is possible.

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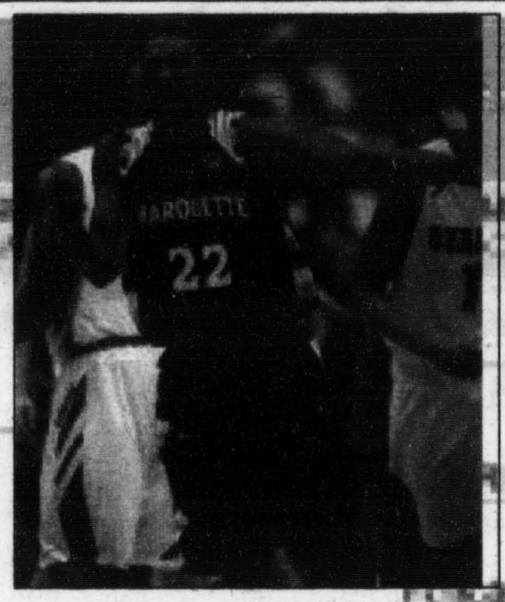
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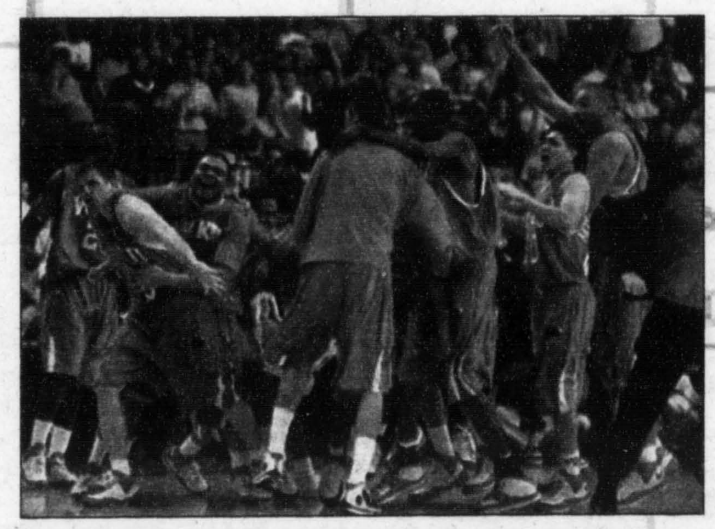
Marquette defeated Kentucky in the first round of this year's tournament. It was Kentucky's first loss in the first round of the tournament in the program's storied history.

The University of Kentucky also made history this year, both good and bad. After a slow start which included a loss to Gardner-Webb(WHO?), the Wildcats rebounded to make the NCAA tournament for a record 49 straight time. However, Kentucky lost in the first round for the first time in school history, losing to Marquette. Maybe they should've went to the NIT instead.

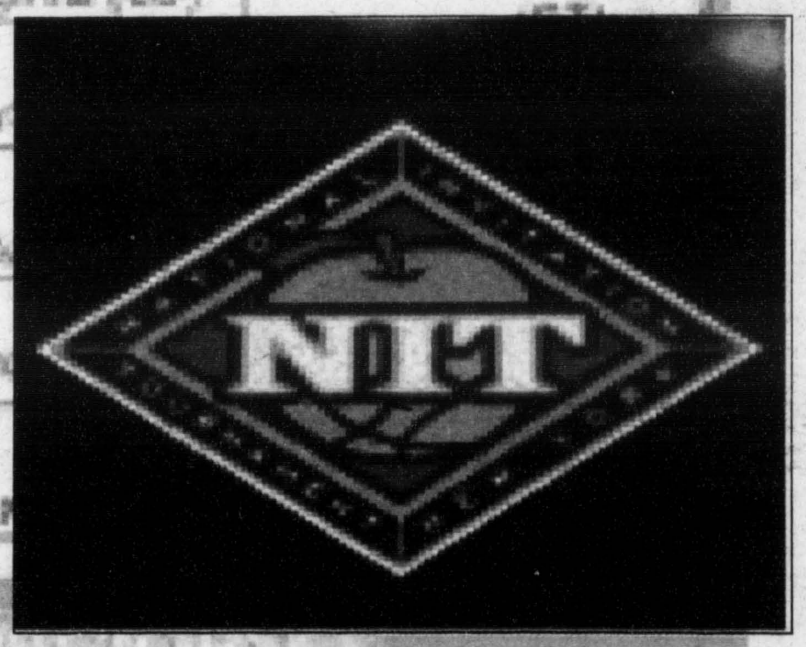
Speaking of the NIT, the National Invitation Tournament used to be the premier tournament in college basketball. Started in 1938, the first winner was Temple, the NIT has since taken a back seat to "the Big Dance."

Nobody since Army, coached by Bob Knight, has turned down a bid to play in the NIT. Knight rejected the championship because he did not like the venue where the Midshipmen were selected to play.

South Carolina won back to back NIT championships in 2005, 2006 This year's NIT winner will be crowned April 3 at Madison Square Gardens



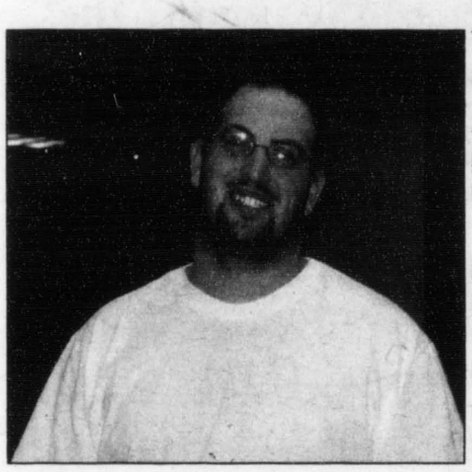
Ty Rogers (on the left being tackled) hit a three-pointer with no time left to beat Drake 101-99 in overtime



Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

A good opening weekend for spring sports



As most everyone knows, last weekend was Easter weekend. Last weekend was also the home opener for the baseball team. My past experiences with Mansfield students and Easter weekend, I didn't expect there to be much of a crowd at the game. I was wrong.

The sports information staff got their at 12 to set up for the game. A little later I looked out the press box and saw the bleachers filled up pretty good and people standing along side the foul lines of left and right field. We actually ran out of programs during the game, some of the Shippensburg fans who came late didn't get one, that's one reason to come to events at Mansfield early.

There were many different people at the games. I also athletes from the field hockey team, the track and field team and the basketball team. There were coaches from other sports, students and parents. It was nice to see the support for the team.

I was especially surprised because of the weather. It was a cold day for baseball, but that did not deter anyone from coming out.

The next step is to carry out the support for the rest of the season.. The crowds for the basketball games were good, but there can be even more students that attend events. There is not just the baseball team, but also the softball team who needs support as well. Both teams have home games on Friday, for the softball team it will be their home opener and it would be great to see a big crowds for them. A big crowd can make a difference, come out and support the teams.

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Remaining home games

Baseball

March 28 vs East Stroudsburg @ 1
April 5 vs Kutztown @ 1
April 7 vs Clarion @ 1
April 12 vs West Chester @ 1
April 19 vs Millersville @ 1
April 20 vs Columbia Union @ 1
April 21 vs Wilmington @ 1
April 25 vs Bloomsburg @ 1

Softball

March 28 vs West Chester @ 2
April 16 vs Kutztown @ 2
April 18 vs Millersville @ 2
April 22 vs Bloomsburg @ 2
April 26 vs Shippensburg @ 2

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Letter to the Editor

In regards to the Police Beat section on the Flashlight:

Every student on this campus has a right to know who gets caught doing what. If people's names weren't added, then they would probably repeat the offense. If they are irresponsible enough to get caught, then they deserve to have there name next to the offense. Your example, "people who get caught with alcohol, drugs, accused of something that, I have seen you put in that section pretty much saying they are a sexual harasser or something else, when they end up not even being one they win court cases", is completely irrational and over exaggerated. If your friends are in that particular section for a "mistake" then most of them don't have to go to court, and never have I read a Police Beat that portrayed someone who got caught for drinking as a sexual harasser. Reputations are ruined all the time by friends, family, and other incidents outside of Mansfield. More than half of the people on this campus forget within a week or two of what happened during the last week, and the others just don't care. So I think the Police Beat should stay.
Amber Wade

In response to the letter about the Police Beat.

I disagree with a letter recently sent to the editor by Kristina Apfl. I believe that students who get caught committing crimes deserve their name in the paper. Yes, it's true, people do make mistakes. However, I believe that individuals should be responsible for their own actions. I (like Miss. Apfl) know people who have been listed in the Police Beat, yet my opinion remains the same. We have the right to know what crimes are being committed on campus. Perhaps students in the Police Beat should have thought about the consequences before they made their "mistake" (as Kristina calls it).

I will agree with Kristina when she states that students do not deserved to be harassed, but that is the only thing we seem to agree on. She claims that her friends in the Police Beat are innocent (when indeed they are not). A list of names is not made up, but instead, sent from records at the Police Station.

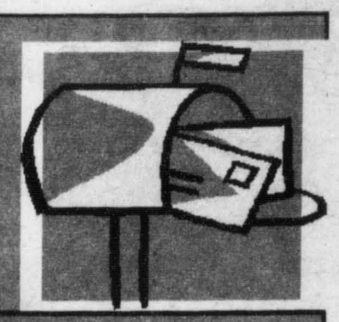
Also, in the previous letter, the author states that she is sick of seeing her friends get completely "humiliated and judged" because of the Flashlight exposing their flaws to the campus. I'm sorry, but that is a lame excuse. It is not the fault of the Flashlight (they are doing an incredible job). Perhaps you should just get new friends who do not continue to commit crimes (joke, you can laugh now).

Sincerely,
Samantha Sulewski

ps. Kristina-
No offense but you claim that you are here for a Journalism major. Next time, proofread your letter- I would imagine that Mr.Mason cringed at all of your typos.

Note to the Flashlight Staff: Keep up the great work!

The Flashlight



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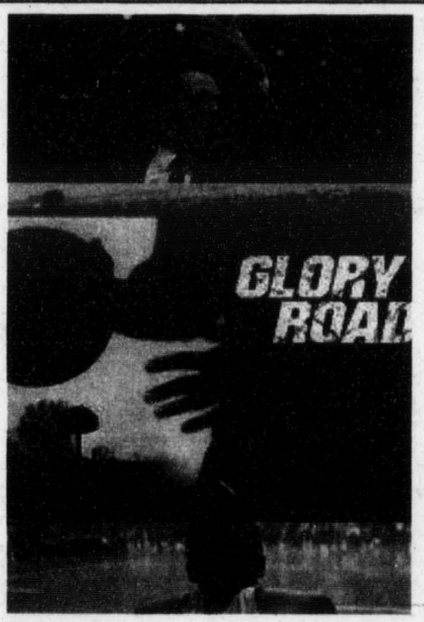
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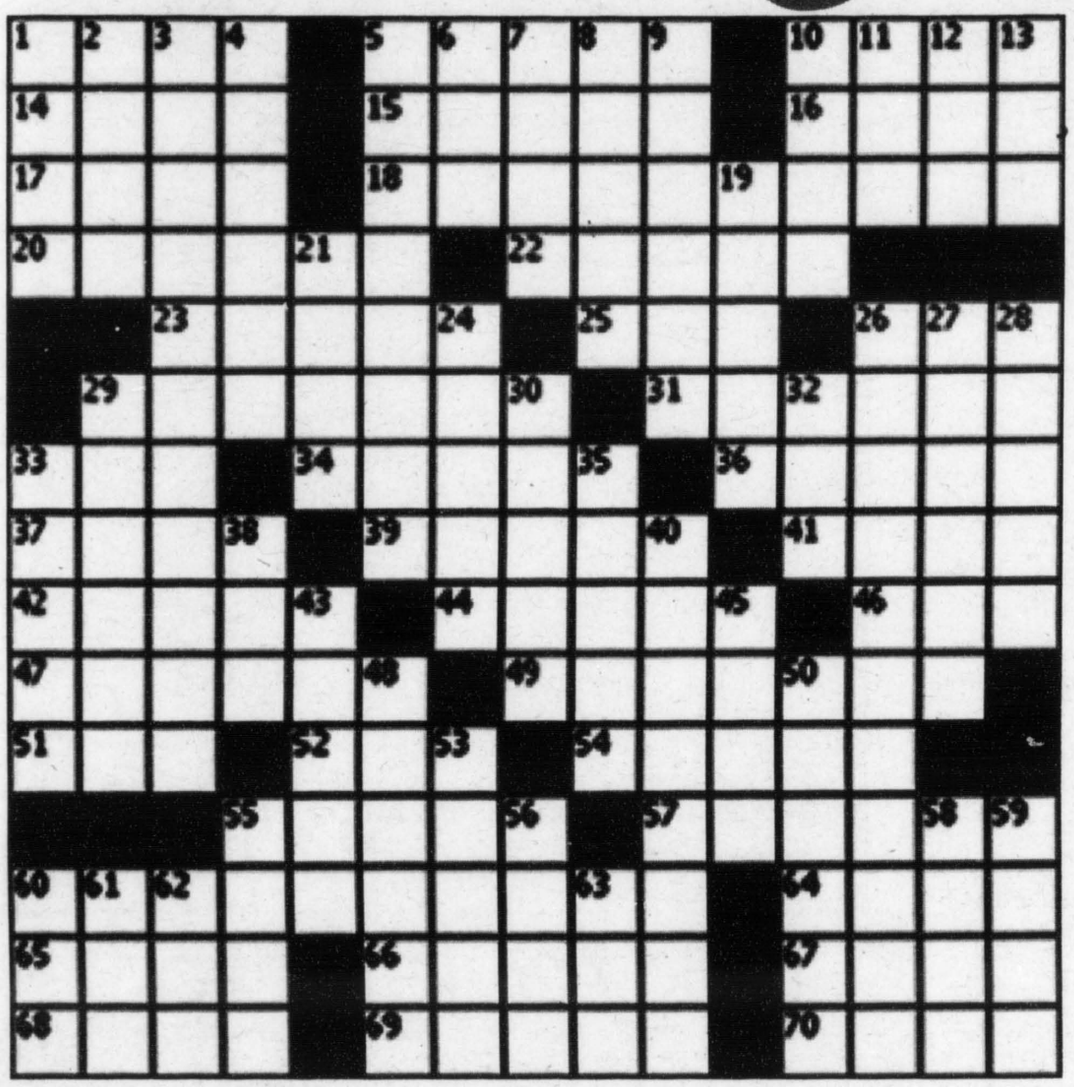
2. What school is the present day Texas Western College?
A. Texas A&M B. UTEP C. New Mexico St. D. Texas St.

3. Who played Don Haskins, the coach of Texas Western?
A. Josh Lucas B. George Clooney C. Bob Knight D. Rich Miller

4. What actor was the original choice to play Don Haskins?
A. Josh Lucas B. Steve Martin C. Bob Ley D. Jack Black



Flashlight Puzzle Page



Across

- 1. Takes into a count?
- 5. Do a double-take, e.g.
- 10. Monterrey money
- 14. Father
- 15. Diamond flaw?
- 16. In the thick of
- 17. Novelist Haley
- 18. Transistor predecessor
- 20. Nebraska river
- 22. Surreptitious types
- 23. Farm equipment pioneer
- 25. S.C. time
- 26. Laser gun sound effect
- 29. Buck's pride
- 31. Nothing more than
- 33. Amateur video subject, maybe
- 34. Listlessness
- 36. Pastoral
- 37. Trample
- 39. Serves beer after beer
- 41. Like old records
- 42. Finger or toe
- 44. Bathing, body and birthday
- 46. Declaration that ends a certain game
- 47. Imitates
- 49. Redcaps
- 51. Turn state's evidence

Down

- 1. Order request, perhaps
- 2. Pickle flavoring
- 3. Type of battleship
- 4. Duet times three
- 5. Deeply respectful
- 6. Slice of history
- 7. Pendulum paths
- 8. Stylish auto
- 9. Platitude
- 10. Touches affectionately
- 11. Exotic farmbird
- 12. Blood relative, briefly
- 13. Poetic form
- 19. Poet's concern
- 21. Marketing start
- 24. Fish hawks' cousins
- 26. A space case?
- 27. "Jagged Little Pill" singer Morissette
- 28. Egyptian gateway
- 29. Lake Assal is its lowest point
- 30. First light
- 32. Daiquiri liquor
- 33. Fresh milk container?
- 35. Dostoevsky novel (with "The")
- 38. Dossier info
- 40. Wounded
- 43. Wiggle a carrot in front of
- 45. Luminary
- 48. Frappe relative
- 50. Rubbed out
- 53. ___-walsy
- 55. Wallet residents, perhaps
- 56. Boater and sailor
- 58. Moisturizer ingredient, perhaps
- 59. Copious amount
- 60. Former amateur
- 61. Gear for a galley
- 62. Suffix with social
- 63. Classic start

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Talk to Tarreto

Dear Talk to Tarreto,

Last year one of my guy friends and I decided we wanted to do a kind of "friends with benefits" thing. Since then we've continued this relationship but he's also become one of my best friends. Recently he told me he wants more and he's starting to get jealous and possessive of me. I want to be single but I don't want to lose my best friend! How do I let him down easy but still keep him as a best friend?

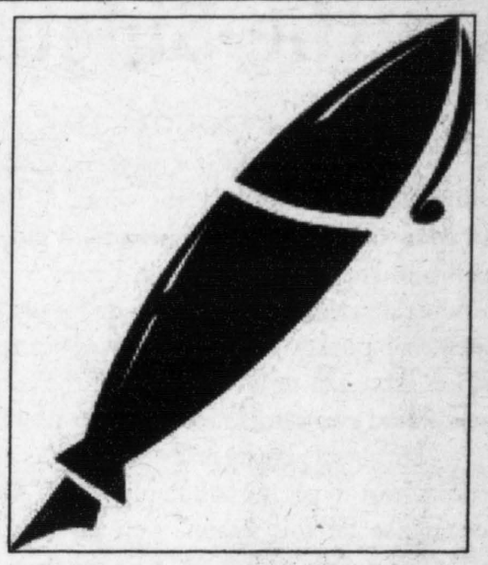
-Single and Happy

Dear Single and Happy,

I guess no one ever told you that "friends with benefits" relationships or FWB's (as psychologists call them) NEVER work out! But, it's too late for that lecture. I think what might be a good idea in this situation is for you to sit down and really think about why you want to be single. You have a best friend who you also get to have sex with, and I'm guessing it's good sex because if it wasn't you wouldn't still be doing it. I would think most women wouldn't want to lose a relationship like this. But, it's bothering you that he's now getting jealous of you and other men. Honestly this seems like a relationship already! Are you simply afraid of the label? Does that kind of commitment scare you? These are some questions to think about. Or is it that you simply like having many options of partners? That's OK but everyone involved needs to be aware of that.

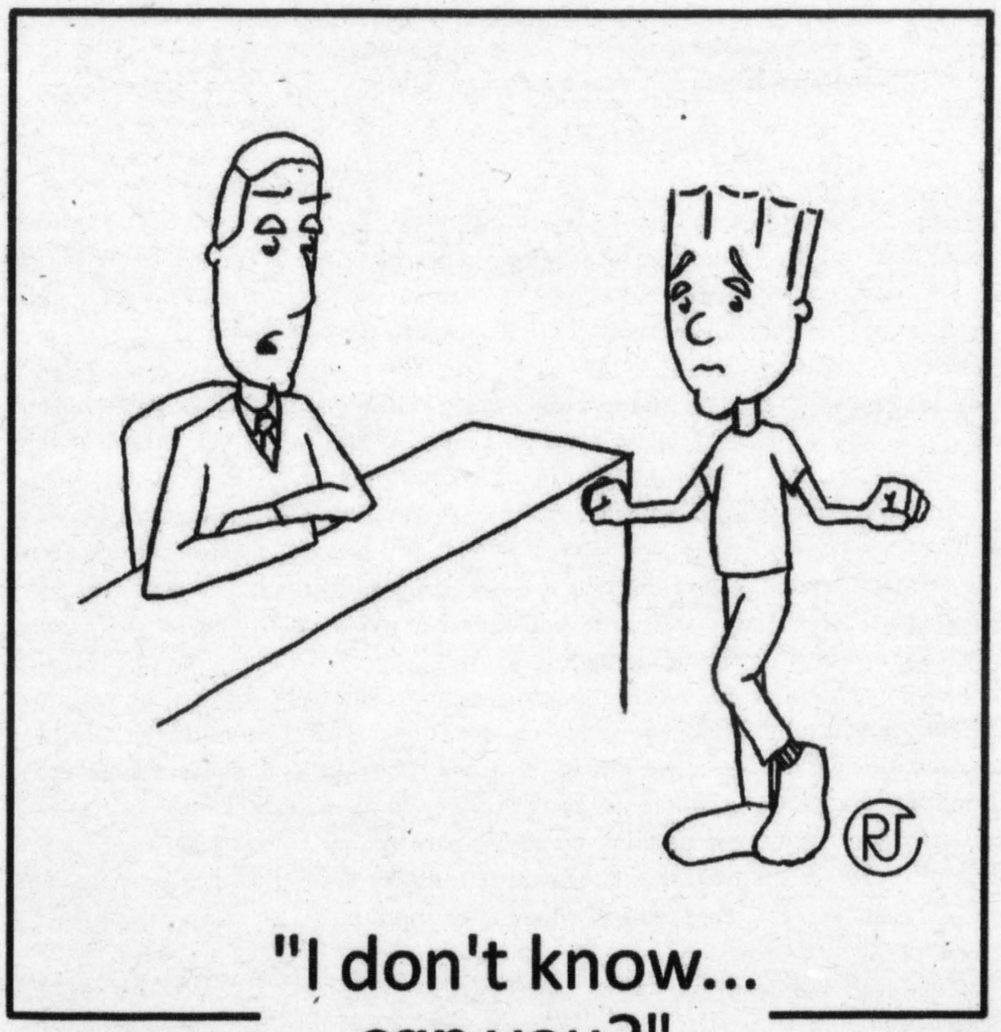
Try coming up with a list of the things you ideally want for your relationship with this guy. Then be prepared to compromise on some of the things you want when you sit down together and talk about what each of you wants. At this point if saving your friendship is your biggest priority then be straightforward about that from the beginning and state your true desires for wanting to stay single. Maybe there is some sort of compromise you two can come to. Would you be willing to limit yourself to only have sex with him? Would he be willing to not label your relationship as anything as long as you agree to this? Or is your FWB really over and now you want to build a strictly friends relationship? Be honest with him, and if he cares about you like he seems to, he might be happy to just be friends with you. Maybe he's afraid of losing your friendship too but his solution is to push for more. Open up the lines of communication and set a side a time when you two can talk alone and agree on a new "plan of action" for the future. Best of luck, and honestly think about if you want to lose the potential for a very fulfilling romantic relationship!

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Flashlight Comics



A Side of Bill Gates We Never See

On the Sidelines with Abram Yeakel: Swinging for Success

By NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

I love baseball – but hate the wind. As I sat on the bleachers for Mansfield's first home opener, my gloveless hands growing numb in the unfriendly wind, I tried to scribble down notes on the doubleheader. Unfortunate for my hands that preferred cozy coat pockets, the weather was not favorable for a sports writer who had to jot down all of the comments parents and fans stated every time new guy, Abe Yeakel, went up to bat.

"He's been playing really well," "He's a great ball player who knows how to get the ball in play" and "Abe has a great batting average so far this season" were all pieces of conversations I picked up while sitting amongst the spectators.

Yeakel, a transfer from Liberty University (a Division I school in Virginia), broke into the 2008 Mansfield baseball season without any hesitation. Earning PSAC player of the Week after batting .541 over a 16 game period in Florida and helping Mansfield go 11-5 on the trip, the first baseman from Kutztown, PA has quickly become someone to talk about.

During the Florida trip, Yeakel had 33 hits which included six doubles and a home run. He drove in 19 runs, scored 24 and stole four bases. His impressive hitting in Florida helped the team earn a number nine spot in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) North Atlantic Regional Poll. In addition to the 16 games in Florida, Yeakel also hit a grand slam in Mansfield's 12-8 win over Wilmington University and continued to hit well in Mansfield's first two home games.

Meeting in the library, a preferably warmer atmosphere, I conducted this interview with Yeakel. A modest guy who's enjoyment of the game outweighs any ego, his good-natured attitude demonstrated what Tom Kohl once meant when he said "But baseball in any weather is baseball. I love it, can't beat it. So I'll play whenever they tell me to play."

Nicole Hagan: Why did you decide to transfer here from Liberty University and how long did you attend Liberty before you came to Mansfield?
Abe Yeakel: I went to Liberty for four years, but my senior year I red-shirted because I hurt my shoulder. Because of the injury, I opted to sit the season out to try and recover – so I still have a year of eligibility left to play baseball. I came here for mostly financial reasons. The surgery for my shoulder was expensive and Liberty is a pretty expensive school too – so because of that I decided to transfer to Mansfield.

NH: Is it difficult trying to adjust to a new team in just one year?
AY: Not really. We have some pretty good guys here on the baseball team and they've helped out a lot. Plus, this school gets new recruits all the time – so they're used to adjusting to the new players.

NH: Explain to me some of the maybe not-so-obvious differences between a Division I school like Liberty and Mansfield University concerning baseball.
AY: There isn't too much of a difference between playing for the two schools. The only thing I can think of is that Liberty has a lot more depth, especially in their pitching.

NH: You used to catch at Liberty University, but now it seems like you mostly play first base. Is there a reason for that?
AY: Yeah, I've only caught one game so far this season at Mansfield. Really it's just where I place in the team though – they need me at first base so that's where I play.

NH: Do you have any preference of which position you like playing more?
AY: Not really. I just like playing baseball – so first base or catcher, it doesn't really matter to me. I'm just out there to play.

NH: I noticed that you throw right-handed, but bat left-handed. Is there a specific reason for that?
AY: My dad taught me to bat that way because it can definitely be a big advantage when you're up against a right-handed pitcher.

NH: How long have you been playing baseball?
AY: I've played since t-ball. It's a family sport for me. My dad has been my coach up through the years and he's still involved with it. He's currently a GM (general manager) in the ACBL (Atlantic Collegiate Baseball League) for the Kutztown Rockies.

NH: Did you play any other sports growing up?
AY: Yeah, I played soccer and basketball all throughout high school.

NH: Why did you decide to stick with baseball and not soccer or basketball?
AY: It's just what I was getting recruited in. I like all three sports equally; baseball just seemed to be the sport that I was able to get into in college.

NH: How did you first become interested in baseball? Was it through your dad?
AY: My dad has always been a big influence in my life when it came to baseball. Like I said earlier, he had been my coach ever since t-ball and he even coached me throughout high school. I definitely attribute my interest in the sport to my dad.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Abe Yeakel, a transfer from Liberty University, earned PSAC Player of the Week after batting .541 over a series of 16 games when the team traveled to Florida over spring break.

NH: How do you train to stay in competitive condition throughout the season? Is there anything special that you do to get your shoulder back to normal? What is involved in a typical team practice?
AY: I don't do anything special to train for baseball – it's just the normal stuff. As a team, we focus a lot on hitting which seems to be paying off for some of the players.

NH: The team is off to a great start with a 14-7 record. You've been hitting well and pitchers like Eric Rosenberger and Irvin Sleighter have been throwing well. What do you think the team has been doing right so far this season to get you to where you currently stand and get the team off to such a great start?
AY: As a whole, we started off hitting well. We have some of the top numbers as far as hitting goes in the PSAC. But in general, we just have some good players. We have a very solid infield that has a lot of experience. And like you said, our top two pitchers, Rosenberger and Sleighter, are definitely difference makers when it comes down to game time.

NH: Tell me a little about the team's trip to Florida. What were some high points of the trip?
AY: Well, it was my first trip to Florida to play baseball, so that was exciting for me. In Virginia, we always stayed home and would never travel anywhere like that because it was always pretty warm in Virginia. So, it was really fun to play in warm weather like that. Also, we were just able to start off really well down there – so that's always a positive thing.

NH: You've been hitting really well this season. When you were named PSAC player of the week, you were batting .541 over a span of 16 games – which is very impressive. Additionally, you already got a grand slam out of the way when you played against Wilmington. I don't know your stats from when you played for Liberty, but do you normally hit this well? And if you don't, what do you attribute your recent hitting success to?
AY: As far as batting goes, I'm definitely hot right now. When I played for Liberty, I was in the low to mid three's – but to be above 400 in the league, it just never happens. I don't really attribute my recent batting to anything. It's more of a roll of the dice. Players always have hot and cold streaks, and they try to run out their hot streaks for as long as they possibly can. That's simply where I'm at right now.

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'YEAKEL'

NH: So far, what has been your most rewarding experience through college baseball?
AY: I have a horrible memory for stats or specific games, but overall it's the guys you play with everyday who make the difference. Plus, you get to travel and are always meeting new people, so it's a fun experience altogether.

NH: Are you getting along fine with all of the Mansfield baseball players?
AY: Yeah, definitely. They're a very accepting team, so it's never been a problem trying to incorporate myself into the program.

NH: So far, what has been your most difficult task to overcome through college baseball?
AY: My shoulder injury was difficult. I was immobilized for eight weeks with my arm in a sling that was strapped to my body. I couldn't move it at all. It was about a total of nine months of rehab and that can be a hard thing to come off of.

NH: What motivates you to play baseball?
AY: The competition and the fun of playing the sport is what motivates me.

NH: Who is your biggest role model or influence and why? Would this be another reference to your dad?
AY: Probably [laughs]. No, I'd say he's my biggest influence. He comes to my games to show his support and now that I'm playing closer to home he definitely makes it out to a lot more of them.

NH: What are some of your personal goals or some of the team goals for this season?
AY: A team goal is to get to regionals. I don't think I have any personal goals for this season.

NH: Well, this is your last year playing. Do you have anything you want to accomplish before you graduate or do you think you may want to play baseball after graduation?
AY: I'd love to play baseball after school, but it's just not something that I'm counting on. It would be amazing – but I'm not going to depend on it.

NH: So, if you don't play baseball after you graduate, what do you plan on doing in terms of a career?
AY: I'm not entirely sure, but I think I'd like to try teaching or coaching. I'm taking some grad classes now in education, so I'd just have to become certified to teach.

NH: Who would you want to teach or coach? What age level?
AY: I'd want to teach secondary education – which is high school kids.

NH: Tell me a little about what it's like to play for the Mansfield baseball team from the "new guy" perspective.
AY: It's definitely a mix between hard work and fun. We practice hard and the team hangs out a lot. It's understandable since we always have to travel together and spend our days practicing or playing together. There's always a tight bond you have with your teammates. So overall, it's a fun experience where you get to meet a lot of great people and play a sport that you enjoy playing all at the same time. What more could you ask for?

Danelle and Nicole's Bracketology Report: Bringing the readers all the NCAA Championship predictions straight from the Flashlight Office

Each week, we'll have the NCAA bracket posted to let the readers know who advances and who's going home. Our picks are placed as a guide and we'll correct each game as the championship continues. If a team has a slash through it, that means they do not advance. The winning team will be rewritten in italics. If there is any disagreement between the two of us, a (D) will be placed beside Danelle's pick while a (N) will be placed beside Nicole's pick.

So the first, second and third rounds are through and upsets have been the story so far. (Like they always are) The Big East has three teams still competing that were not expected to last and North Carolina is the only remaining team for the ACC. Fans have felt the sadness of their team losing early, but the games go on, and people root for a different team - or at least hope another team loses soon. As you can see, both of our brackets are shot, but we will continue to keep you updated. On page 19 our question for the "Word on the Street" segment was, Who do you feel was the biggest upset so far in the NCAA competition? Wondering what others think, check it out. Otherwise keep watching the craziness of March Madness unfold!



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Ian Coffey named Mansfield swim team Head Coach

By CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL
Flashlight Sports Writer

Mansfield University hired Ian Coffey as their head swimming coach.

Coffey, a graduate from La Salle University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history, was also a graduate from Virginia Tech with a Master's of Science degree in physical education in health promotions. Coffey graduated from La Salle in 1999 and from Virginia Tech in 2002.

Coffey comes to Mansfield after being an assistant coach at Division I Villanova University where he spent the past four seasons. Coffey coached at Syracuse University from 2002-04 and Virginia Tech from 2000-02.

While at Syracuse and Virginia Tech, Coffey coached four Big East Conference Champions and NCAA qualifiers.

Coffey, a native of Jenkintown has always enjoyed coaching in Pennsylvania. "Pennsylvania is a good swimming state and I have good contacts in the high schools and colleges so I can better recruit," Coffey said.

Coffey's first goal to accomplish at Mansfield is to get familiarized with the swimmers. Due to a lack of housing opportunities, Coffey has only been able to hold short practices to get to know the swimmers.

Coffey's second goal concerns recruiting more swimmers to build not just a better team, but a bigger team. Coffey hopes to do this by presenting Mansfield University to the athletes and their parents as a worthy program.

"I want to be able to tell a girl's parents that they are sending their daughter to a university to not only swim fast, but to get a quality education," Coffey said.

Coffey's strategy for recruiting is based on his contacts in the Pennsylvania high schools and colleges.

"The internet has become a good tool for recruiting these days because there are athletes out there who will use the internet to fill out recruiting forms or just to e-mail a coach and let them know that they are interested in the school," Coffey said.

Coffey's last goal for himself during his stay at Mansfield is to bring a new attitude and start a new identity for the swimming program.

"I am grateful for the opportunity and the chance to build the program up and the opportunity to get things going by trying to get Mansfield swimming recognized alongside the bigger schools," Coffey said. "The sky's the limit especially when you have swimmers who are hard workers and are hungry to get better."



PHOTO BY CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL
Ian Coffey was the assistant swimming coach at Villanova before accepting the position at Mansfield.

Winter sports athletes honored at banquet, MVP's and MIP's announced

By NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Mansfield University athletics held its annual Winter Sports Banquet to honor winter sports athletes on Tues. March 25.

Roger Maisner, director of athletics, started the evening's events by congratulating all of the athletes who participated in the winter season.

"This is a special occasion any time we can honor our athletes," Maisner said.

After guests and athletes finished their meals, Rich Miller, coach of the men's basketball team, started the ceremonies with a speech about the highlights of this year's basketball season.

"We went 17-10 this season - it was a nice season," Miller said. "We didn't reach our PSAC goal, but our guys did an outstanding job."

Miller mentioned Kevin Hill, John Hampton, Brandon Lawley, Chris Greene and Ryan Callahan in his list of accomplished players.

"Lawley had an outstanding-outstanding year," Miller said. "He had the second highest rebounds per game with 7.5 and 14 defensive rebounds in the final game against Bloomsburg. Two of our players, Hampton and Hill, made All-Conference honors. I felt they were deserving of that title last season and I'm happy that they've finally been recognized for their efforts. Unfortunately, I feel the same way about Lawley this year. He did a great job and helped our team every step of the way."

The men's basketball team voted Hampton as this year's MVP and Miller announced Chris Pender the Most Improved Player (MIP).

The next coach to reflect on his team was cheerleading coach and biology professor Dr. Robert Maris.

"Over the past 18 years, I've never been prouder," Maris said. "If I could do it, I'd award anybody and everybody on the team MVP."

After a team vote, Karena Boatman was awarded MVP of the cheerleading squad.

Following Maris was head track and field coach Mike Rohl.

"Somewhere along the season, the track and field team became a very good team," Rohl said. "This year we outdid ourselves. We set nine school records, broke all five school records in our relays and the 4x800 relay beat the all time conference record by eight seconds. Additionally, Mike Gray continued his improvement in the shot put where he qualified for nationals with a 52 foot throw and set the school record in the weight throw - which is especially impressive considering that he taught himself."

Other indoor track athletes that Rohl mentioned were Dave Sanford, Joe Eck, Bryan Falcone and Victor Garcia as well as leading male track and field athlete Chris Cummings.

"Chris lives about a mile away," Rohl said. "He's one of the most successful track athletes we've had and he's lived in Mansfield all his life. Don't tell me we can't be successful here."

Cummings was elected indoor track MVP by his teammates and Mike Gray was honored as the MIP.

Women's head basketball coach, Ruth Hermansen, was up next to say a few words about her team's season.

"We had an injury riddled season and I'm proud of how they competed despite that," Hermansen said.

Highlights of the women's basketball season included a 20 point defeat over Shippensburg University and an over time win at South Padre Island against St. Thomas Aquinas.

MVP for the women's basketball team was Jeanette Meacham for her defence and rebounding abilities and MIP was awarded to Brittany Reed.

Women's indoor track coach, Steph Cadwell, was up next after Hermansen.

"Considering that our team nearly doubled this year with freshman, I'd like to thank our three team captains," Cadwell said. "They were great role models and helped the team reach the level of success that they did."

Cadwell mentioned names like Irene Primmer who earned a third place finish in the mile and 800 meter and a fourth place finish in the 1k. Additionally, at the Melrose games, Michelle Clark and Chelsea Conway earned a sixth and 10 place finish respectively. Finally, Cadwell mentioned the efforts of senior Katrina Brumfield who placed fourth in the high jump, triple jump and triathlon.

Brumfield was awarded MVP of the women's indoor track team and Katie Foster received the MIP award.

Summing up the coaches' speeches, Danita Fox, previous coach of the women's swim team, stood at the podium and gave an emotional speech to a group of eight girls who knew they would never see her again.

"It's been a rollercoaster of a year for eight ladies and myself," Fox said. "One of our goals was to learn how to deal with adversity and change. With me leaving the team behind and moving away - that's a form of diversity that the whole team had to face together."

Pausing to regain her composure, Fox went on to describe a goal of unity and competing hard to make it to PSAC's.

"I can tell you we are now a unified team," Fox said. "The team was smaller than expected, but we stayed on course and worked each other at every practice. Two of our swimmers qualified for PSAC's and it was the team that helped them get there."

A team vote awarded senior Maureen Maikner the MVP and Maggie Stengel MIP.

The evening ended with the awards for male and female athlete of the year.

Cummings was named male athlete of the year for his contributions to the male indoor track team.

"Chris was impressive this year," Maisner said. "In the mile he surpassed everyone in the country - except for one, he was the first runner in Mansfield to become a repeat conference champion and he had one of the most exciting moments in Mansfield history in his second place finish at the NCAA Championships."

Female athlete of the year went to another track and field athlete Katrina Brumfield.

After scoring virtually all of Mansfield's points at the PSAC indoor championship and by being the best female high jumper in school history, she was both shocked and happy as she reflected back on her collegiate track career.

"This is a complete surprise," Brumfield said. "My freshman year I wanted to leave after the first three weeks - but I'm glad I stayed. I just want to say thank you to Coach Rohl - I'll miss you when I leave. And thank you to my teammates for everything. What I've accomplished today is all because of them."

Mountaineer Baseball improves record 14-7 on season

By Allen Bennett
Flashlight Sports Writer

Mansfield University's baseball team went 3-2 this week as they beat Wilmington College (DE) on Tuesday and won two games against Shippensburg this weekend.

On Tuesday Abram Yeakel hit a grand slam and drove in five runs to lead Mansfield to a 12-8 victory over Wilmington. Earlier that day Yeakel was named PSAC East Player of the Week. The grand slam came in the sixth inning and he finished the day going 3-4. Nate Grove went 4-5 with three doubles. Grove started on the mound for Mansfield and was relieved by Chad Smith in the fourth inning. Smith gave way to Trevor Tellip who picked up his first win of the season.

On Friday Mansfield traveled to Shippensburg for a doubleheader and on Saturday Shippensburg came to Mansfield University for a doubleheader.

While they split the doubleheaders, head coach Harry Hillson felt the team did well.

"They (Shippensburg) won the conference last year," Hillson said. "We could have lost four games or we could have won four games very easily. We were right there with them, so that's a pretty good test for us early on."

On Friday Mansfield split the doubleheader with a loss in the opener and a win in the night cap. Shippensburg won the opener 6-2 behind a twelve strikeout performance from Matt Wright. The nightcap was won also because of pitching. Eric Rosenberger threw a four hit shutout for the Mountaineers. He retired the first 10 batters he faced.

"All our pitchers threw well this weekend," Hillson said. "Eric Rosenberger in particular threw a shut out in the second game at Shippensburg. He had a no hitter going."

Rosenbergers' no-hitter was broken up in the sixth by Eric Dezelle. Drew Bair singled in Chris Miller for the only run in the 1-0 win.

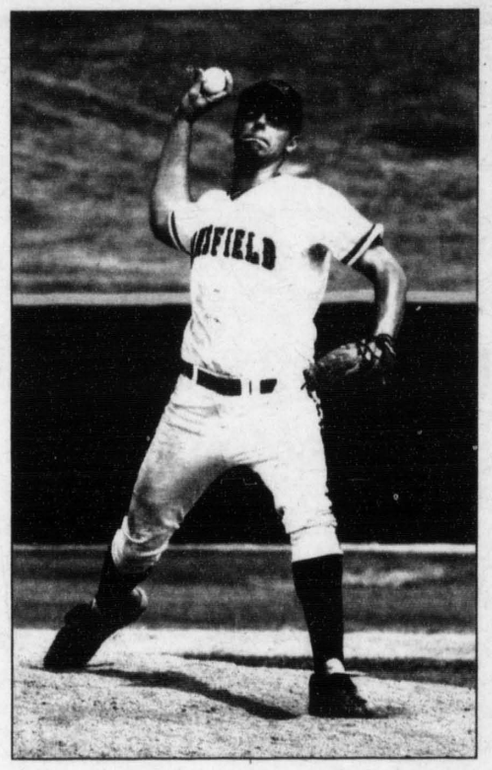
The Mountaineers then split the home opener with Shippensburg winning the opener 6-3, then dropping the night cap 11-5. Justin Garcia picked up his first win of the season and Chris Miller contributed with the winning run in the third inning to lead Mansfield to a 6-3 come-from-behind win over Shippensburg.

After giving up three runs in the first two innings, Garcia kept Mansfield in the game by shutting out Shippensburg over his last three innings, giving up just four hits in those innings.

Tyler Noel picked up his first save of the year allowing one hit and no runs over the final two innings.

In the nightcap, Shippensburg took a 2-0 lead into the fourth inning before Chris Miller tied the game with a two-run homerun over the centerfield fence. Starting pitcher Shane Ryan for Mansfield allowed just two runs on six hits with a strikeout through the first four innings. In the fifth inning Shippensburg opened their lead with a grand slam by Kris Kullman. Timothy Freshour followed with a solo homerun. Shippensburg went on to add four more runs in the top of the sixth to put the game too far out of reach for the Mountaineers.

After a successful week, the Mountaineers are now 14-7. They will host East Stroudsburg University next Friday at Shaute Field.



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Justin Garcia picked up his first win of the season against Shippensburg University on March 22.

Word on the Street: With Nicole and Danelle

"Word on the Street" is the section where we ask an inquiring, deep, pensive question each week about current sports news - anyone on campus is at risk.

Q: March Madness has begun and there are upsets galore (see Danelle and Nicole's Bracketology on pg. 17). We wanted to know who you thought the biggest upset was of the NCAA Men's Basketball tournament.



"Davidson over Georgetown because I thought Georgetown was a final four team."

Coach Rich Miller - Head Men's Basketball Coach



"San Diego over Connecticut because San Diego comes from a weak conference and Connecticut comes from one of the best conferencesConnecticut has two NBA prospects and San Diego is good, but shouldn't have been in the game."

John Hampton - Men's Basketball MVP



"Georgetown's loss because they have been such a strong team for years including this year."

Mary Tucker - Mansfield Swimmer

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Cummings awarded PSAC Male Indoor Tack Runner of the Year

By NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sport Co-Editor

Chris Cummings was named PSAC Male Indoor Track Runner of the Year on Monday, Mar. 24 in a vote conducted by head PSAC coaches.

"We were actually very surprised to hear that Chris won Runner of the Year," head coach Mike Rohl said. "We thought that this one runner from Slippery Rock was going to get the award. But that goes to show how much other coaches think of Chris."

The senior, originally from Mansfield, has accumulated a long list of accomplishments during his five year reign at Mansfield University. A member of the indoor track, outdoor track and cross-country team, Cummings has been a dominate figure in Mansfield athletics.

"Chris had his most impressive indoor season this year," Roger Maisner, director of athletics said. "He had one of the most exciting moments in Mansfield athletics history and we're all very proud him."

Cummings was the first Mountaineer to earn indoor track and field All-American honors in 2006 after he placed sixth in the mile. Additionally, Cummings competed in the closest mile race in NCAA Division II Championship history this year, placing second (4:12.63) by 0.01 of a second in a photo finish behind Daniel Kirwa of Harding University. His second place finish earned Cummings his second Indoor All-American award of his collegiate career.

"Chris is a very respectful young man who trusts me as a coach and sets high goals and takes big risks," Rohl said. "I think that's why he's done so well this year. It shows how much he's grown in confidence throughout the years."

Also a member of the distance medley relay squad, Cummings helped lead Mansfield's DMR team to their first PSAC title as well as their first trip to nationals this season.

Moreover, Cummings won the mile run in this year's league championships where he was selected as an Overall Co-MVP of the meet after setting the field house and meet record (4:11.84). Cummings is one of two Mansfield indoor track and field athletes to earn a PSAC title, winning the mile this year and in 2004.

Cummings has also earned four combined individual and relay top three finishes at the PSAC Championships.

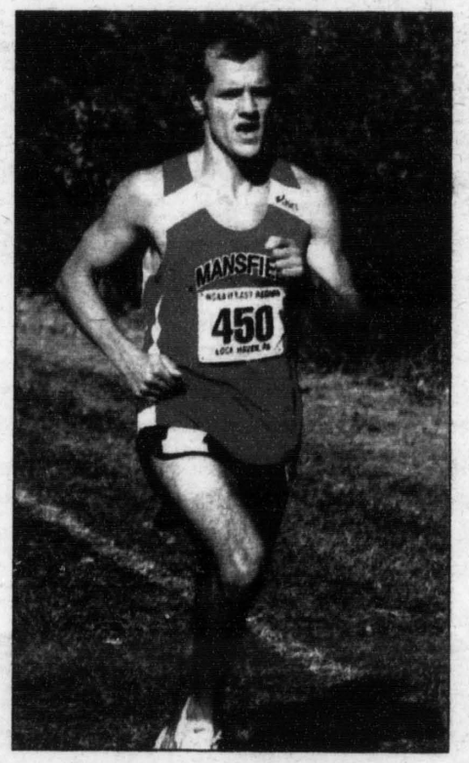
As a member of the cross country team, Cummings was a four-time All-PSAC honoree, as well as Mansfield's first All-American with a 31 place finish this fall.

At Mansfield's Winter Sports Banquet Tuesday night, Cummings was named indoor track MVP and male winter athlete of the year.

Chris will go on to compete in the 2008 outdoor track and field season.

"Chris' goals for this season is singular" Rohl said. "He wants to win the national championships and then go on to qualify for the U.S. Olympic trials."

Outdoor track's next meet is Mar. 30 at Lock Haven University for the LHU Invitational.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Chris Cummings earned second place in the mile run at this year's NCAA Championship. His finish was the closest finish in the history of the NCAA Division II championships.

Coming up in Mountie Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Mar. 27	28 -Baseball vs East Stroudsburg, 1 p.m. -Softball vs West Chester, 2 p.m.	29 -Baseball @ East Stroudsburg, 1 p.m. -Softball @ Kutztown, 1 p.m.	30 - Outdoor Track & Field, LHU Invitational @ Lock Haven	31	Apr. 1 -Baseball @ Lock Haven, 1 p.m.	2
3	4 -Baseball @ Kutztown, 1 p.m. -Softball @ Millersville, 3 p.m.	5 -Baseball vs Kutztown, 1 p.m. -Softball @ East Stroudsburg, 1 p.m.	6	7 -Baseball vs Clarion, 1 p.m.	8 -Softball @ Bloomsburg, 2:30 p.m.	9 -Baseball @ Slippery Rock, 1 p.m.

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Today's Weather
Sunny

High- 72°F
Overnight Low- 45°F
Information taken from weather.com

SGA Controversy: SGA vs Athletics

By **DANELLE MILLER**
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

The Student Government Association (SGA) met on Monday, April 7 to discuss if the percentage of Student Activities Fees given to athletics should be eliminated.

Athletics receives between 40-45 percent of the Student Activities fees in a lump sum form, rather than submitting a formal budget, such as other organizations would.

The reasoning behind this was decided upon in 1994 through a student referendum according to an athletic document, but as a policy, according to SGA. At that time another student referendum or policy placed a one time fee of $50 on all freshmen. Of that money, $40 went toward athletics to help with capital expenses, such as replacing scoreboards, equipment, the press boxes, etc. and $10 went toward the Kelchner Fitness Center.

The State System of Higher Education ruled that the one time fee was unacceptable and the fee was stopped. In its place the Committee on Finance (COF) decided to allocate an additional $40,000 per year toward capital expenses.

In 2005 SGA and COF decided to double Student Activities Fees over a four year time frame. This was done in an attempt to help organizations and athletics meet increasing needs to continue to be represented within the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC).

Athletics were seen as a different type of organization due to the changing seasons, type of sport and unforeseen circumstances that are associated with the sports.

Roger Maisner is the Athletic Director at Mansfield University. "Years ago, athletics was seen as a different beast. It's a co-curricular part of the university that is different from other organizations. Softball returned from their spring trip with broken bats that needed replaced immediately. There was no time to submit a budget and wait two weeks to receive funding," Maisner said.

Due to these issues, athletics must submit a tentative budget, but not a complete one like other organizations have to. The budget submitted in April is incomplete because non-conference games have not yet been decided upon. The teams must wait until June to have an accurate budget.

Previously, athletics received the percentage plus the $40,000 for capital expenses. Last year a motion was passed to include the $40,000 in the percentage received.

When the motion was decided upon the percent was voted to be cut after this year and a committee would form to look at athletic spending. The issue of capital is believed to stay the same.

Mike Conaway is the president of SGA. "SGA wants students to understand that we did not cut funding, but we increased funding by removing the automatic entitlement of the percentage," Conaway said. "No clubs (i.e. non-athletic organizations) should be entitled to any amount of money. We want to justify at what point students are paying too much money to bear while continuing to maintain a winning program."

Other state universities have similar types of payment plans for their athletic departments depending on student activity fees and the size of the student body. The departments are paid in some form of a lump sum, whether it is a set percentage, a flexible percentage or a specific amount of money.

"I was moved that many athletes came out to the meeting," Maisner said. "This was a chance for athletes to learn about politics and understand what SGA and COF does. This told them there should be more involvement to see what is going on."

Elementary school art relocated to Mansfield University

By **KAY BARRETT**
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Education and Special Education Department recently adopted 130 different pieces of children's artwork.

The Education Department acquired 130 painted ceiling tiles decorated by the children of Warren L. Miller Elementary School in Mansfield. The ceiling tiles were previously part of the elementary school, but due to recent renovations and a fire that occurred last spring, the school decided to remove the tiles permanently.

Dr. Michelle Moore, an Assistant Professor of Education and Special Education at Mansfield University, was largely responsible for saving the tiles that will now be displayed in Retan.

"The original idea came from me. I am from Mansfield and I attended the elementary school," Moore said. "I actually did one of the tiles when I was in school and I felt it was important to hold onto this educational history of Mansfield."



PHOTO COURTESY OF MANSFIELD.EDU

These ceiling tiles from Warren L. Miller Elementary school will become a part of Mansfield University in the fall.

Moore says she had wanted to preserve and find some way to display the tiles long before the fire destroyed approximately 600 of the decorated ceiling tiles.

"Prior to the actual fire, the school district was making plans to renovate the building and they were not going to put the tiles back up. I went to the school board meetings because I was very concerned about losing these pieces of art work. I wanted to try to convince them that these tiles were important to the history of the school," Moore said. "The district finally decided to place advertisements in the local paper, telling people that if they had painted a tile or knew someone who did they could come claim their tiles."

After the ads were placed and people contacted, Moore then contacted the Miller Elementary School principal to ask about the remaining tiles.

"I asked the principal if there were any remaining ceiling tiles and if so could I have them and he said yes," Moore said.

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Weekly Weather

TODAY

Sunny

High: 72 Low: 45

FRIDAY

Mostly Sunny

High: 73 Low: 48

SATURDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 67 Low: 46

SUNDAY

Few Showers

High: 59 Low: 43

MONDAY

Mostly Cloudy

High: 64Low: 42

TUESDAY

Mostly Sunny

High: 63 Low: 43

WEDNESDAY

Showers

High: 62 Low: 45

Information taken from www.weather.com

Info-To-Go

Campus Bulletin Board Mansfield University

-The new spring edition of the Careers for College Graduates booklet has been placed on the Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission web site. To access the new edition, log on to the web site at www.scsc.state.pa.us. Under the Job Information heading select College Graduates. The booklet is available in both pdf and text formats. This booklet is designed to assist students to discover the types of job opportunities available with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It provides job titles for which a student may qualify based on the degree they will have earned.

- Mansfield University's Campus Ministries is trying to raise $5,000 by May 2 for Project Heifer. The goal of Project Heifer is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. They hope to provide an ark full of animals to help promote self-reliance around the world.

- Mansfield International Students Organization (MISO) is hosting the 27 annual International Festival at 5:30 p.m. on April 19 in North Manser. The event will include international food, music and other entertainment.

Police Beat

February 22, 2008 -
Paulette Hightower, 30, was charged with furnishing alcohol to minors on Mansfield's campus.

March 30, 2008 -
An unknown person removed a desk top computer from the graduate apartment in Cedarcrest Manor between the dates of March 23 and March 30. The computer is valued at $500. The case is currently under investigation.

April 1, 2008 -
James Williammee, 53, backed into Justine Lyden's vehicle on Clinton St., causing damage to the right front fender.

Shawn Loud, 19, was cited for underage drinking in Maple Manor and referred to the campus judicial office.

April 13, 2008 -
Justin Musselman, 20, was cited for underage drinking and referred to Residence Life after providing false identification to police.

Entertainment Corner



Top Digital Singles: Courtesy of billboard.com

1.) **Madonna Ft. Justin Timberlake** - 4 Minutes
2.) **Leona Lewis** - Bleeding Love
3.) **Lil Wayne Ft. Static Major** - Lollipop
4.) **Mariah Carey** - Touch My Body
5.) **Usher Ft. Young Jeezy** - Love In This Club

Top Movies: Courtesy of imdb.com

1.) **Prom Night** - PG-13, Brittany Snow
2.) **Street Kings** - R, Keanu Reeves
3.) **21** - PG-13, Kevin Spacey
4.) **Nim's Island** - PG, Abigail Breslin
5.) **Leatherheads** - PG-13, George Clooney



'ELEMENTARY ART'

The ceiling tile project was started in 1972 by art teacher Paul Bozzo and the project ended in 2003 with over 900 tiles completed. Bozzo is now retired from Miller Elementary School but Moore said he has played an important part in the preservation and future display of the Retan Center Collection.

"Right now we are looking for people that could possibly help us build frames for the ceiling tiles. Mr. Paul Bozzo was gracious enough to frame a tile to act as a model for us," Moore said.

Although the exact placement of the tiles in Retan is unknown at this time, Moore said the tiles will be displayed throughout Retan.

"We're hoping to place them in hallways, classrooms and offices," Moore said.

No matter where they are placed Moore believes that the tiles will send a message about the progression of history from the 1970s to today.

"By looking at the paintings on tiles you can see how things have changed over the years. You can actually see the trends and what has become popular throughout the years, and that is what makes them so interesting. That is also why I believe it is so important to protect them," Moore said.

Annual Com Day held by Communication Department

By SUZANN GUSHUE
Special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield University Communication department held its annual Com Day last Thursday in Alumni Hall.

Mansfield alumni Brian Lane, Patrick Manwiller and Joe Tamanini spoke to the audience about their experience in the communications field and entertained questions afterward.

The first speaker, Lane, a graduate of 1982, was introduced by Dr. K. Sue Young. Lane graduated with a Mass Communication degree with an emphasis in broadcasting. He now lives in Delaware and works at the University of Delaware as a multimedia design specialist. He showed a three minute video of what he teaches to his students.

The second speaker, Manwiller, a graduate of 2000, was introduced by Dr. Lee Wright. Manwiller graduated with a Mass Communication degree with an emphasis in journalism. Manwiller lives in Allentown and works for WFMZ. He spoke on the ups and downs of his job. "Every day is never the same," Manwiller said.

Manwiller put together a video of live footage that he had experienced at his job. He first became interested in broadcasting when he spent time in Allen Hall editing video clips. "A good editor takes an hour to edit one minute," Manwiller said.

The third speaker, Tamanini, a 2003 graduate, was introduced by Wright. Tamanini graduated with a Mass Communication degree with an emphasis in broadcasting. Tamanini lives in Los Angeles and works for Studio City. He spoke about his passion of editing and showed four clips of his work.

"I like understanding how all the pieces come together," Tamanini said. "That's why I became interested in editing."

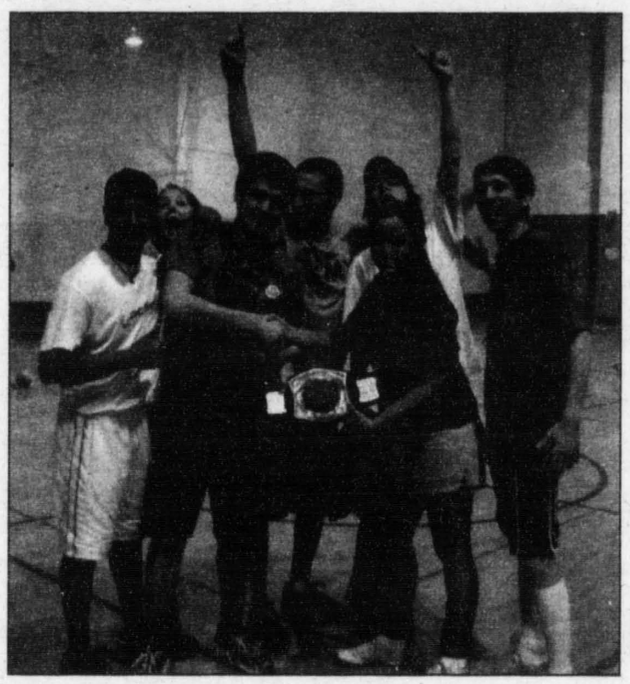


PHOTO COURTESY OF ALICIA SHUMWAY
MUTV is the new dodgeball champion.

Sarah Rhodes is a senior Mass Communication major with an emphasis in Public Relations. She found the speakers relatable to her own life. "The alumni were really motivating and inspiring," Rhodes said. "It was an eye-opening experience to hear from people who were once in my shoes."

Following the presentations, the alumni fielded questions from the audience.

Afterward, there were awards presented to students and faculty. Several communications students then performed a skit where they imitated the faculty. The skit was followed by refreshments and a game of dodge ball.

Contributions to this article made by Chris Boswell

Ethics Guy asks "what would you do?"

By JAMIE CURTIS
Flashlight Writer

Ethicist and author Bruce Weinstein spoke to students and faculty on Wednesday, April 2 in 307 Alumni Hall.

Weinstein also known as "The Ethics Guy" has received degrees from Swathmore College, Georgetown and New York University. He has appeared on NBC's today show, ABC's Good Morning America, etc. He also writes for businessweek.com and has a column titled "Ask the Ethics Guy," which is printed worldwide.

Weinstein's presentation "Ethics in the 21st Century" was an interactive speech that focused on the importance of ethics in everyday life. "What would you do? There is only one thing that ethics asks of us," Weinstein said. "And that is to consider how our actions affect others." Weinstein used games, quizzes and hypothetical situations to get the audience involved in analyzing ethical principles. The event was free and open to the public.

The event was a part of the Mansfield University lecture series, sponsored by the provost's office. "Our goal is to find a topic that people would be interested in learning about, and then locate a person who can offer a compelling view on the subject," Dr. Peter Keller said. Keller is the dean of faculty at Mansfield.

"The level of intellectual curiosity from the students was great. I usually do not get that much feedback. Asking questions is what students should be doing," Weinstein said.

"I felt that the reason why Weinstein was such an effective speaker was because he was talking to me, his audience, instead of to himself which would be like looking into a mirror," Philosophy Professor Dr. Adrienne McEvoy said. "He spoke in a language that everyone could understand. He spoke to us, not at us. This concept is challenging especially in an academic setting because we professors focus on one thing and base our lives around what we do," McEvoy said. "As an instructor, I have to realize that not all students are going to be passionate about the same things that I am, so I have to show them my passion. It is contagious."

Weinstein's latest book *Life Principles: Feeling Good by doing Good* explains the benefits of living by ethical standards. His Next book will be available in spring 2009, and will focus on ethical issues of people ages 10-14.

"One frustrating thing about not being a professor is that I come in for an hour. I do not get to stay and see the results," Weinstein said. "I do not get to see whether anyone learned something, or if I made an impact."

Wrongfully convicted inmate to speak about experiences

By JILL KAUFFMAN
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Criminal Justice Club will be hosting a talk given by Anthony Michael Green, a wrongfully convicted inmate, on April 22 in Allen Auditorium from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The funds to bring Green to campus is coming from COF and the Criminal Justice department. Justine Taylor, secretary of the Criminal Justice Club, contacted the Innocence Project, a non-profit organization located in New York City, about having a wrongfully convicted inmate come speak at Mansfield University. The Innocence Project is an organization dedicated to helping wrongfully convicted inmates.

Green was wrongfully convicted of rape and aggravated robbery in 1988. He was convicted through misidentification by the victim. Green's description matched the assailant's and his photograph was shown to the victim in two different photo arrays. Green had also been an employee at Cleveland Clinic where the victim was staying due to cancer treatments.

Green was indicted by the grand jury of Cuyahoga County, Ohio on June 22, 1988. On Oct. 21, 1988 Green was found guilty of rape and aggravated robbery by a jury. The basis of the conviction was on the victim's identification, but also by the fact that the seminal fluid from the victim's rapist was type B, the same type as Green.

Green was sentenced to consecutive prison terms of 10 to 25 years for each crime. In 1997, he contacted the Innocent Project. On Oct. 18, 2001 Green was exonerated. DNA testing cleared Green of the crime. Green had spent 13 years in prison for a crime he did not commit.

Taylor wanted to bring Green to campus because wrongfully convicting people is always a concern. "It's a really big issue in the corrections world right now," Taylor said.

The main reason people are wrongfully convicted is because of witness misidentification. "It is not just a C.J. event. It involves many other majors, like Psychology," Taylor said.

Dr. Scott Thornsley is a Criminal Justice professor and is involved with the event. He also teaches a special issues class where many Criminal Justice Club members learn about wrongfully convicted inmates.

Thornsley believes all students, regardless of their major, should come to the event. "It's an opportunity. It is one that doesn't come around very often. His ordeal is something we read about," Thornsley said.

"I think it is the most important topic in Criminal Justice today. We are now seeing more people being released," Thornsley said.

Green's story is one that can happen to anyone, but people may not realize this. "You really have to see someone to realize it really does happen," Thornsley said.

The issue of wrongfully convicted inmates came to light after the documentary "After Innocence" became a Sundance Film Festival winner in 2005. Thornsley believes that Green's presentation can help raise awareness.

Green received a settlement from the state of Ohio, but he cannot get the 13 years he spent in prison back. He is currently seeking a Business degree.

"I encourage everyone to come out. What happened to him could happen to anybody," Taylor said.

Day of Silence event to be held

By JAMIE CURTIS

Flashlight Writer

The Gay-Straight Alliance/Gay Lesbian Outreach program (GLO) is hosting the day of silence event at Mansfield University on Friday April 25.

According to www.dayofsilence.org, the day of silence is a national student movement where individuals take vows of silence to bring attention to name-calling, bullying, violence and harassment. The day of silence was established by the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN) in 1995. The goals of this event are to guarantee safer schools for students and to inspire change. It also echoes the silence that is experienced everyday by lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans gender (LGBT) students and their allies.

This year's Day of Silence will be held in honor of Lawrence King, a 15-year-old student from California who was shot and killed on February 12, 2008, by a classmate because of King's sexual orientation.

"The Day of Silence is a good way to draw attention to LGBT issues without being disruptive," Emily Kurzdorfer said. Kurzdorfer is the president of GLO and has taken part in previous Day of Silence events. "It is an individual way for LGBT people and their allies to show support."

GLO will also be hosting a Take Back the Night Walk starting at 8 p.m. which will lead to the Breaking the Silence party at Jazzman's from 8:30 - 11 p.m. The Mansfield University Advocacy Association (MUAA) is working with GLO to sponsor the events.

Students who want to participate may sign up for free in Lower Manser during the week of April 25. Participants will be given ribbons and index cards with statements on them.

"GLO's efforts are to educate the broader Mansfield community about LGBT issues and put an end to them," Dr. Charles Hoy said. "We are here to provide a safe, non judgmental place for students." Hoy is the faculty advisor for GLO. "I think GLO starting out as a new organization has had its share of growing pains, and so far the students have done a good job with sponsoring an event like the day of silence," Hoy said. "It is an event that most other organizations would not have thought of because they are not as attuned to LGBT issues as GLO would be."

The Gay Straight Alliance/ Gay Lesbian Outreach (GLO) meetings are Fridays at 4 p.m. in 301 AHSC. Everyone is welcome.

The Housing and Residence Life Office Proudly announces the 2008 - 2009 RA Staff

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Please Join us in congratulating a premier group of campus leaders!

Campus Events Calendar

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
April 17	18 - 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Steadman Theatre visitation day	19 - 8 p.m. - Wind Ensemble concert - Annual Walk a Mile in Her Shoes - International Men's March to stop rape - 5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. - MISO Festival, North Manser	20 - 3 p.m. - Orchestra Soloists Concert - 7 p.m. - Brett Long and Dr. Galloway , MU Alum/ Faculty Trumpet recital	21 - 7 p.m. - 19th Annual Student Affairs Outstandig Student awards banquet (by invitation only) in North Manser	22 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Celebration of Student Scholorship	23 - 12 - 1 p.m. - Career-Blast Fashion Show: What to Wear (or not) - 1 - 4 p.m. - Career-Blast Mini-Conference, multiple workshops in one afternoon - 4:15 - 5:30 p.m. - After Conference Networking Mixer, 307 AHSC
24 - 3 - 7 p.m. - X-treme Air - Vocal Jazz Festival	25 - Instrumental Jazz Concert	26 - 7:30 p.m. - Concert Choir Home Tour Concert with Williamson High School Chorus	27 - 3 p.m. - Symphonic Band Concert	28	29 - 8 p.m. - Guitar Ensemble Concert	30

What in the World? News in a flash by Beka

Barbie goes green

By BEKA BROWN
Flashlight Writer

Mattel, Inc. is releasing a new line of Barbies to promote environmental awareness.

The new line of accessories will utilize leftover fabric and other scraps that would usually be thrown away. These remnants from other Barbie designs will then be incorporated into bags, clothing, hats and pillows.

An April 1 press release from Mattel explained that Barbie's new look is a promotion for Earth Day on April 22. The hope of the company is to provide "eco-conscious girls a way to make an environmentally-friendly fashion statement with cool, patchwork-style accessories."

Senior Vice President of Marketing, Media and Entertainment Richard Dickson believes the BCause line will encourage younger generations to consider the environment more. "Barbie is always a reflection of current cultural trends and issues and girls are increasingly aware of making a green statement," Dickson said. "We are thrilled to give extra meaning and extra style to what was once just extra Barbie doll fabric."

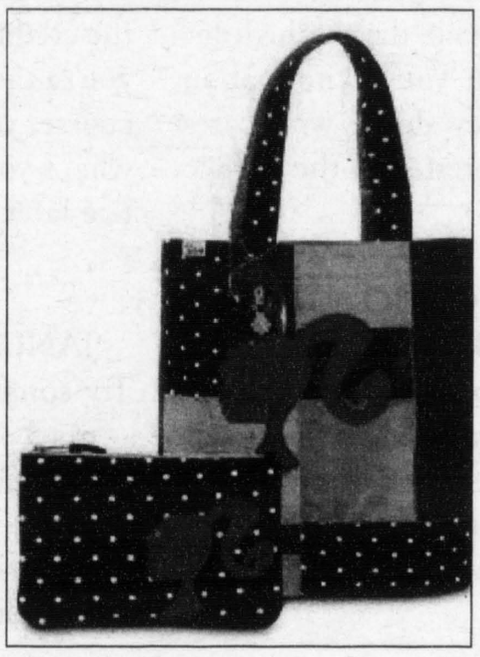


PHOTO COURTESY OF MSNBC.COM
These bags are just two of the items that are a part of Barbie's new accessory line.

This new line will include products ranging in price from $5.99 - $19.99.

New faculty evaluations for students

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

Mansfield University is adopting a new method of evaluating its faculty. This year, the university is changing from the traditional paper evaluations that students complete in class to an online form of evaluation.

Dr. Catherine Renner, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Research and Planning, headed the project. According to Renner the university wanted to make the switch for several reasons, the most important being that the online evaluations are one hundred percent confidential. In the classroom students could often be identified by their handwriting and they are often rushed to complete the evaluations.

"With this method there is absolutely no way that students can be identified," Renner said. "Students will also have more time to provide thoughtful comments about their professors." Anonymity will also be kept because classes with less than five students will not be completing evaluations. The second reason for switching over to online evaluations is that it will be easier for the university to keep a history of faculty.

GAP Technologies, the company that distributes the evaluations, is used at 52 universities nationwide. Mansfield University is the first university in the Pennsylvania State System to use this online method.

Beginning April 21 students will be sent an e-mail that contains links to all of their courses. Students will be given a brief description and directions regarding the evaluations and their log in information.

The evaluations take about 10 minutes to complete for each course. The students will be able to evaluate one professor at a time. Renner stresses the importance of paying attention to which professor the student is evaluating.

"Once that submit button is hit, there is nothing I can do to change it," Renner said. "There is about one percent of students that will accidently evaluate the wrong professor, but unfortunately there is nothing I can do once that happens."

Several faculty members have expressed concern regarding the return rate of the online evaluations. They feel that if students are required to do it on their own time, it may not get done.

However, Renner is very confident in the system. "There was an 80 percent return rate with these evaluations at my previous university and 65 percent nationally," Renner said.

Students will be able to complete the evaluations until Friday, May 2. Students will be sent e-mail reminders every 72 hours for the first week and every 48 hours after that first week until they have completed all of their evaluations. However, if students do not complete the online evaluations they will not be penalized. It is completely optional. Renner feels that students will take advantage of giving feedback to the faculty. "We've always found that students are very motivated to give their professors feedback," Renner said.

"It's much more convenient for students," Renner said. "It will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and our students these days are very tech savvy. It makes sense to be using the technology that is available to them."

The paper evaluations often took months to return and these will be done in under 24 hours. However, the responses will be held from the faculty until the Wednesday after commencement.

If students or faculty have any questions or concerns regarding the new evaluation system, e-mail or call Dr. Catherine Renner.

Lady Antebellum and Mansfield students talk one on one

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Mansfield University students and community got the chance to meet and greet Lady Antebellum when they performed on Friday, April 4.

Lady Antebellum is a trio consisting of vocalists Hillary Scott and Charles Kelly and instrumentalist and backup singer, Dave Haywood.

Lady Antebellum played songs from their self-titled debut album that hit shelves on April 14, 2008. The album consists of 11 tracks, 10 of which Lady Antebellum co-wrote themselves. Along with songs from their own album, they also played other popular country songs. "We love to play a lot of cover songs," Haywood said.

Each member brought their own diverse influences to the trio, ranging from country, soul, Motown and rock. "We all listen to vocal groups. That's what we have in common," Haywood said.

When asked about pre-rituals before concerts, Scott replied, "You're looking at it! We hang out with you people!" The three of them spend their time before concerts relaxing in their own different ways. Hillary describes herself as being very quiet and reserved to save up energy, while Dave likes to do pushups and Charles likes to kick back and drink a few beers.

The songs they write about deal mostly with relationships. "Our songs consist of love songs. There is love, loss and longing. We write about what we know," Kelly said. There are also a few inspirational songs on the album.

Lady Antebellum was nominated for "Top New Group" at the 2008 Academy of Country Music (ACM) Awards. "It is kind of comical," Kelly said. They snagged the nomination even before their debut album was released.

The winners for the ACM awards are chosen by peers. "Producers, songwriters, artists, everyone votes. People in the industry are voting for us and believing in us this early on," Scott said. "It makes us proud to be a part of country music history."

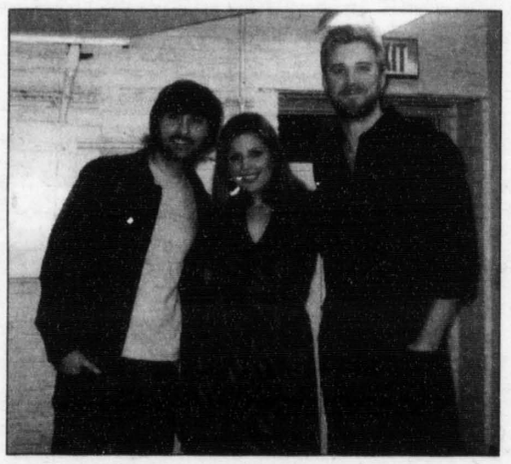


PHOTO COURTESY OF REBECCA HAZEN
Dave Haywood, Hillary Scott and Charles Kelly make up the country group Lady Antebellum. They came onto the scene with their hit 'Love Don't Live Here.'

What does the group plan to do in celebration of their CD release? "Go to Wal-Mart and pick it up," Scott said.

The month of April is a busy one for Lady Antebellum. The trio will be appearing on Good Morning America, and the Ellen DeGeneres show in the upcoming week and will be touring across the country. They won't reach home until May 5.

Lady Antebellum enjoys playing at colleges. They have already played at colleges along side of Emerson Drive and Phil Vassar. The members are in their twenties, so they feel they can relate to the ages of their fans. "Being around people our own age, there is a great energy there," Scott said.

Lady Antebellum got together in the summer of 2006. "It was so organic. Everything fell into place," Scott said of the experience. The group thinks it is crazy how much work they have done and how much they have achieved in such little time. "The timing was perfect. We started this thing two years ago and now here we are playing in front of ya'll," Kelly said. "It's a wild little ride."

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ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Try not to just sit around today -- even a long walk will make you feel great, though more strenuous exercise is even more welcome. Your good energy should keep you going throughout it all.

TAURUS
APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Things are tense between you and a coworker or family member and won't resolve for a few more days, at least. It's not a good time to back down, though that may be tempting later in the day.

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 21

It's a good time to take action -- things are starting to heat up in a big way and your ideas are on everyone's lips (or they should be). Lead the way and you'll be surprised how many follow right along.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22

Shop around as much as possible today -- you may want to put off that big purchase for quite a while if you can't find a deal that strikes a chord with you. Patience is definitely a virtue today!

LEO
JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Your will is strong now and you should be able to steel yourself for almost anything. Expect success, because once you've passed the next test, things should go your way for quite a long time.

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Take the time to really look at the situation and decide whether or not you've been responding appropriately. It may be that you need to let go of your preconceptions in order to really succeed.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Try not to trouble yourself over the tiny details of your daily schedule -- if they matter, you'll know about them and if they don't, who cares? You're more interested in the big picture, anyway.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

You need to keep a tight rein over your speech today -- and email, too, while you're at it! You might otherwise find yourself backtracking or apologizing more than you would like and it's easy to avoid it.

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NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Your mood is incredibly upbeat, though of course, circumstances might dampen it a bit if bad news drifts your way. Still, you take everything as lightly as possible, thanks to your great energy!

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Don't feel too bad if not everyone gets the credit they deserve today -- unless you're the one getting short shrift! Of course, you won't be able to demand what's yours, but someone might notice later on.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Try something a little different today -- maybe a different route to work or school, or maybe a new method of expressing yourself to your sweetheart. Whatever it is, you should learn something valuable!

PISCES
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The folks in the office are causing problems again and there's not much you can do about it this time. Just let them wear themselves out -- eventually they'll slow down and you can get back to your work.

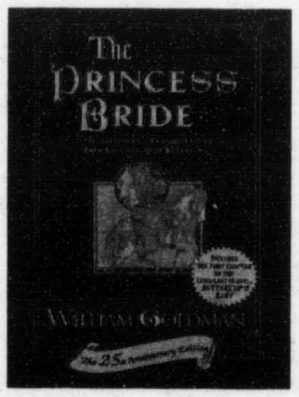
The Book Nook:

The Princess Bride

By KAY BARRETT
Flashlight Writer

First published in 1973, William Goldman's The Princess Bride has been a respected classic for the last 35 years.

Probably more well-known for its movie version, The Princess Bride follows the tale of Princess Buttercup and her true love Westley as they face off against pirates, a giant, a swordsman, a six fingered man, and an evil prince in an effort to find one another and live happily ever after.



GOOGLE IMAGES
Take a look at Goldman's The Princess Bride.

Goldman acts as the narrator for the tale, promising only to include the "good parts," which include plenty of adventure with kidnapping and rescues and not to mention an appearance by Miracle Max, who revives a "mostly dead" Westley in order to storm the castle and save Buttercup from the evil Prince Humperdinck.

Goldman also gives full background descriptions of all the major characters. Goldman describes the Turkish giant Fezzik's transition from world class wrestler to hired henchman. Anyone who is a fan of the movie may find it quite interesting to learn how Inigo's feud with the six fingered-man began.

The novel is filled with humor and references to pop culture but like Goldman implies the book has something for everyone: "Fencing. Fighting. Torture. True Love. Hate. Revenge. Giants. Hunters. Bad men. Good men...etc." so check out The Princess Bride.

This day in history:

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While the world anxiously watched, Apollo 13, a U.S. lunar spacecraft that suffered a severe malfunction on its journey to the moon, safely returned to Earth.

On April 11, the 3rd manned lunar landing mission was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla. carrying astronauts James A. Lovell, John L. Swigert and Fred W. Haise. The mission was headed for a landing on the Fra Mauro highlands of the moon. However, two days into the mission, disaster struck 200,000 miles from Earth when oxygen tank No. 2 blew up in the spacecraft. Mission commander Lovell reported to mission control on Earth: "Houston, we've had a problem here," and it was discovered that the normal supply of oxygen, electricity, light, and water had been disrupted. The landing mission was aborted, and the astronauts and controllers on Earth scrambled to come up with emergency procedures. The crippled spacecraft continued to the moon, circled it, and began a long, cold journey back to Earth.

The astronauts and mission control were faced with enormous logistical problems in stabilizing the spacecraft and its air supply, as well as providing enough energy to the damaged fuel cells to allow successful reentry into Earth's atmosphere. Navigation was another problem, and Apollo 13's course was repeatedly corrected with dramatic and untested maneuvers. On April 17, tragedy turned to triumph as the Apollo 13 astronauts touched down safely in the Pacific Ocean.

Are Mansfield University students too dependent on technology and the internet?

By KAY BARRETT
Flashlight Writer

On Mansfield University's campus it is not unusual to see students text messaging as they leave class or surfing Facebook while they are in the library, but would these students be able to live without this technology? Could this use of technology lead to addiction?

According to sociology professor, Dr. Timothy Madigan, many sociologists worry about the effects of technology on our daily lives.

"There are really two views from sociologists. Some sociologists say that technology causes people to have a decrease in forming relationships with each other and in joining organizations. But other sociologists argue that there isn't a decrease in relationships, because people are just creating more cyber relationships through web sites and chat rooms," Madigan said.

Madigan believes that technology has positive and negative aspects for students.

"Technology can help in the learning process. Students can utilize technology to help them gather information, but I do worry about students being overly connected," Madigan said. "Students have to monitor how much they know and how they should study."

Madigan also mentions that apprehension and worries over technology have been happening for decades.

"Some people used to call the TV 'the plug in drug' because people could just sit down and get instant information without ever having to take the time to learn the information. People have that same perception today about technology being addictive; just take a look at online games," Madigan said.

Emily Campbell, a senior sociology major at Mansfield University, recently finished a research paper and professional presentation about online gaming addiction.

Campbell says that when used in small quantities online gaming can be a positive form of expression for people.

"There was a guy I knew who had a disease that made him very sick and before he died of the disease he used to love playing World of Warcraft (WoW). He loved it because in the game he could be whoever he wanted. When he played WoW he wasn't just the sick guy," Campbell.

Campbell does point out when used in excess online gaming can be addicting and even dangerous.

"I found two cases of people dying after excessive online gaming. One took place in Korea, where there was a man who went to an internet café and played online for 86 hours straight before dying of heart failure He had a cot in the café and only got up to go to the bathroom and he lived on protein shakes," Campbell said.

Campbell says that while researching her paper she did a campus survey, which included questions that could help people determine if they are addicted to online gaming or to technology in general.

"You have to look for signs of addiction in yourself and others," Campbell said, "[Things such as] arguing with a significant other or friends, being late to class or work or completely missing class or work because they just don't care and would rather be online."

Whether it's staying up late playing guitar hero or texting friends instead of meeting face to face, there are negatives and positives to every form of technology.

"There are people who say technology keeps family and friends connected and there are people who say that it pulls them apart. It all depends on who you ask," Madigan said.

New treatment may help with the prevention of AIDS

By NANCY EDWARDS
Flashlight Writer

AIDS research has made a significant step in the past few months. A new gel has been developed that may be able to prevent AIDS.

Globally there are nearly 33 million people living with HIV. According to a Centers for Disease Control & Prevention study (www.cdc.org), almost 50 percent of those affected are women. This new gel may be able to save the lives of millions of women.

The U.S. National Institutes of Health fund a group called the Microbicide Trials Network (MTN). Researchers at MTN revealed that a gel called tenofovir (Viread) was safely tolerated by most participants in a trial involving 200 sexually active females in India and the United States, all of whom were HIV-negative. The gel has been found safe, but its effectiveness has not been proven.

The gel is recommended for daily use by women to prevent infection from AIDS, which is caused by Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

Sharon Hillier is a representative from the US-based Microbicide Trials Network (MTN). She is hopeful for the future of tenofovir "I truly believe we are turning a corner," Hillier said.

This gel is one of the biggest hopes researchers have against the transmission of the deadly viruses HIV and AIDS today. The gel could be vital for reducing AIDS in countries like India and Africa where women don't have the right to refuse sex.

On April 2, the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill known as the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR). This bill authorized $50 billion over the next five years for the U.S. to support global programs to fight HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis. Eighty percent of the funds are for HIV/AIDS programs such as the distribution of anti-viral drugs. The bill also discontinued a mandate that claimed one-third of the AIDS spending be spent on prioritizing abstinence programs.

Worldwide, AIDS has been a terrorizing epidemic. With new research and government funding, it's not hard to believe that a cure is possible.

Summer 2008 shoe trends: high heels are slowly replacing wedges

By KIMBERLEE BLOCKER
Flashlight Fashion Writer

Wedges! Wedges! Wedges! Wedges are all that has been talked about for the spring, but this summer high heels are booting their competition. At one point it seemed to have been a sin to walk down the street in five or six inch heels without someone thinking of your profession. Now, high heels are in effect and women are sporting them like they are tennis shoes.

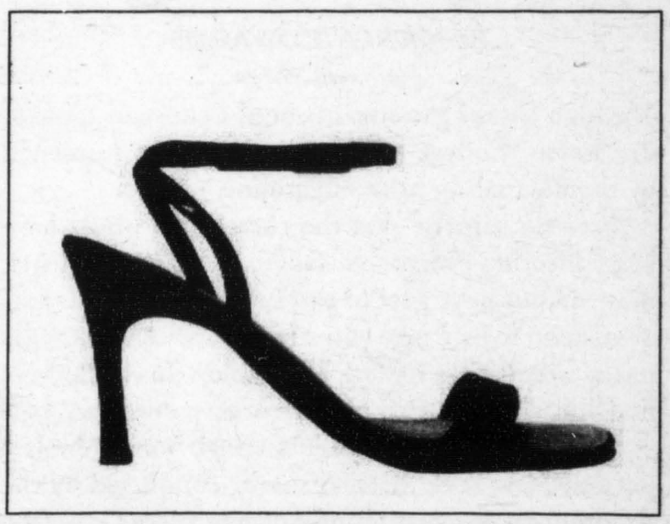
"They are glamorous and make women feel sexy" The Shoe Department employee Emily Rutka said. "Every woman should have a pair or two in her closet."

Heels have always been in style but high heels are making people's heads turn and becoming the "it" item in every woman's wardrobe. According to a recent shoe census online by Shoemall.com, 64 percent of women own at least one pair of pumps. Of that number, 20 percent have three to five pairs and 12 percent have more than five pairs.

Of course women are known to wear heels with skirts and dresses but there is a heel for every outfit this season.

"Never limit yourself" Jayla Michole, a part-time manager at Bakers Shoes Store said. "Heels can be worn with so much more than just dresses. There is the gladiator shoe, the traditional ankle strap and peep toes are always hot. There are also heels that have this weird but cute floral print on them. There is a shoe for everyone basically."

One thing is for sure do not go plain this season. Step out and enjoy some color! Try a bold neon or metallic to make an outfit pop and stand out from the rest, but keep the colors in your outfit to a minimum. Funky, or pop art-inspired shoes are guaranteed to look great with the bohemian look that is so popular this spring and summer season. Those famous gladiator shoes that are coming back for round 2 fit with fun, flirty dresses and tribal prints. Architectural prints, like leather and wood or natural materials, go with any blue denim or earthy tones.



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Wedges may be in but high heels are always hot.

The men are in a fashion world that does not seem to change as much. One thing that is certain is that athletic shoes are still at the top of shoes to step out in this summer and the ever so fashionable dress shoes with jeans or a suit.

"Comfort is what men should shoot for," said Chris Anderson, an employee at David's Shoe store. "Comfort is definitely what is in style for men now."

Third Eye Blind rocks Mansfield University

By BEKA BROWN
Flashlight Writer
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Flashlight Writer

The Third Eye Blind tour made a stop in Mansfield last Tuesday at Decker Gymnasium.

The band known predominantly for hits such as "Jumper" and "Motorcycle Drive By" is releasing their first new album since 2003 next fall.

Hideous Strength, the tentative title for the new album, reflects lead singer Stephan Jenkins political inspirations. Jenkins has recently become an advocate of Barack Obama's presidential campaign.

Jenkins spoke to several Mansfield students in the afternoon about Obama and the importance of voting in the upcoming Pennsylvania primary election.



PHOTO BY BEKA BROWN
Approximately 500 Mansfield students came out for this years concert.

However, the performance was not used as a political platform, it was strictly about the music.

Guitarist Tony Fredianelli explained that they keep their music and their politics separate.

"I don't know if as musicians, it's our place to push our views on people," Fredianelli said.

The members of Third Eye Blind came together in the San Francisco Bay area in the early nineties. Contrary to popular belief, the name, Third Eye Blind, holds no secret meaning.

"It just sounded catchy," Fredianelli said. "I don't think there's any mystical meaning to it."

Drummer Brad Hargreaves, talked about changing the original perception of the band from when they first hit the music scene.

"Once you have a top song, you can't break away from being a top 40 band," Hargreaves said. However, Hargreaves and his bandmates have been "doing their own thing" working independently and making the best music that they can for the fans. They feel that they are finally regaining credibility as serious artists.

"The most important thing is just trying to reach for that greatness in each song and to find that song that connects to people," Fredianelli said.

According to Fredianelli, the band is pretty mellow and doesn't have too many backstage antics. Before they go on stage they have an acoustic jam session to warm up for the show.

The set included a mixture of new material and old favorites. The crowd particularly enjoyed when the band moved to the back of the gymnasium to perform classic song "How's it Gonna Be."

Rising gas prices may hurt student budgets

By NANCY EDWARDS
Flashlight Writer

The high cost of gasoline has been a constant topic of discussion. College students are especially burdened by the fluctuating price of gasoline.

It's no surprise that the current gas prices have been affecting everyone's wallet. As college students, most do not have a lot of extra money to spend. Students tend to be frugal with their money and with gas prices creeping up towards $4 a gallon, many students find budgeting the extra expense of gas a dilemma.

Many Mansfield students travel from New Jersey and New York State. A survey conducted by the Automobile Association of America (AAA) reported that average gasoline prices have hit all-time high and affected these areas.

The survey reported that New Jersey drivers pay an average of $3.05 a gallon. New York drivers pay an average of $3.29 a gallon, while Pennsylvania drivers pay an average of $3.24 a gallon. Gas prices fluctuate so often that it is difficult to maintain a state average.

Traveling home for a weekend used to be a nice get-a-way from the stresses of college. But now, gas prices limit those de-stressing trips to holidays.

Road trips to other colleges to visit high school friends are a thing of the past. Students used to travel to other schools on the weekends to catch up with old friends, but those trips are also limited now since gas is too expensive.

When students do decide to make those trips home or to other schools, car-pooling and splitting the cost of a tank of gas with a group of people has become a necessity.

Many students already live on a tight budget. Rising gas prices add extra weight when planning a monthly budget.

According to some forecasts, gasoline could rise to $4 a gallon when the summer driving season starts.

The top officials of the five largest U.S. oil companies met with a congressional committee in the House Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming on April 1 to justify and defend their companies' profits. The consensus: The prices should not be blamed on oil companies, but on the high price of crude oil.

Congress member, Rep. Edward Markey, spoke of his concern of the profit margins of "Big Oil" companies at the meeting. "American consumers shouldn't have to break the bank to fill the tank," Markey said. "The American people deserve answers, and it is time for Big Oil to go on record about these record prices."

Peter Robertson, Chevron's vice chairman, defended his companies' profits and other oil companies in general. "We're doing our damndest to fix [high prices]. We're spending as much as we can to produce affordable energy for people in this country," Robertson said.

Robertson also stated that increasing energy demand, geopolitical turmoil and the weak U.S. dollar are other important factors that affect gasoline prices. "If anything, oil companies are working to decrease costs," Robertson said.

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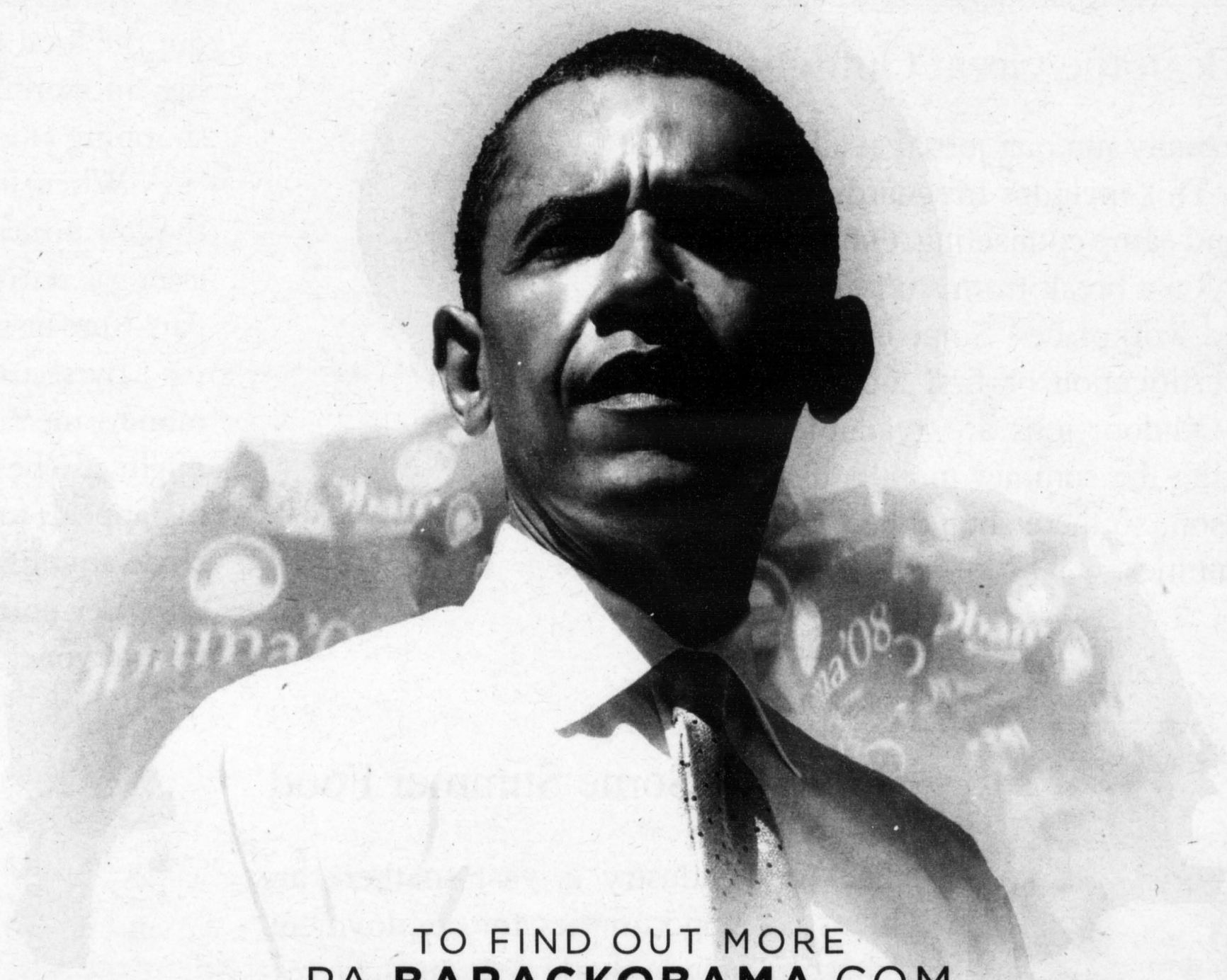
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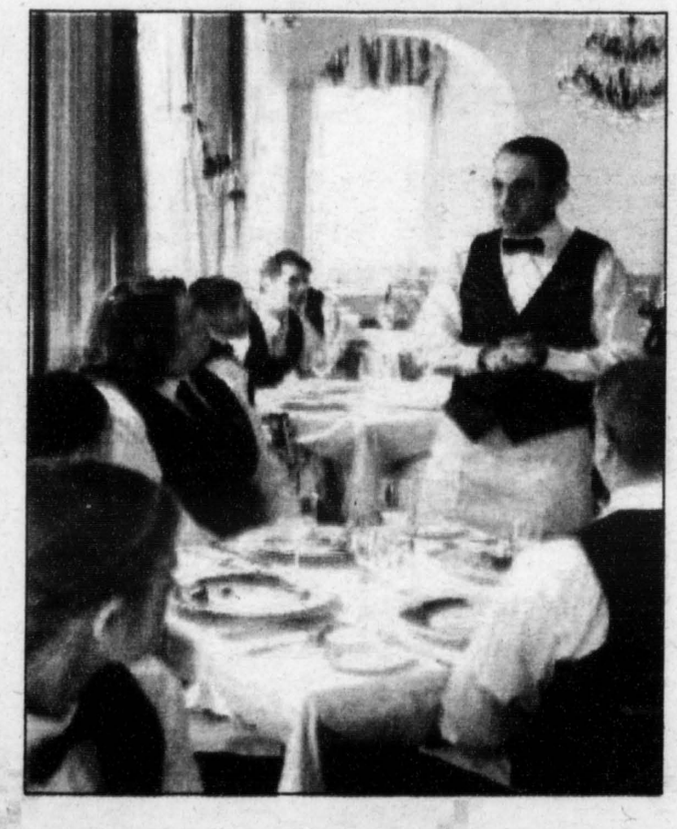
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There are many summer jobs that take place outdoors. This includes lifeguarding, landscaping and camp counseling. Outdoor jobs can give you a break from stuffy buildings and humid workplaces. Some of these jobs require certification or first aid and CPR training. Outdoor jobs are available more often during the summer months than any other season, so there should be a plethora of opportunities.



Serve Up Some Summer Food

The food industry is vast so there are plenty of opportunities for employment. This can include anything from chain restaurants to a country club to a local ice cream parlor. Not only will you get a paycheck but you may also earn some extra cash in tips. Positions are not only limited to servers but can include dishwashers, cashiers and cooks.

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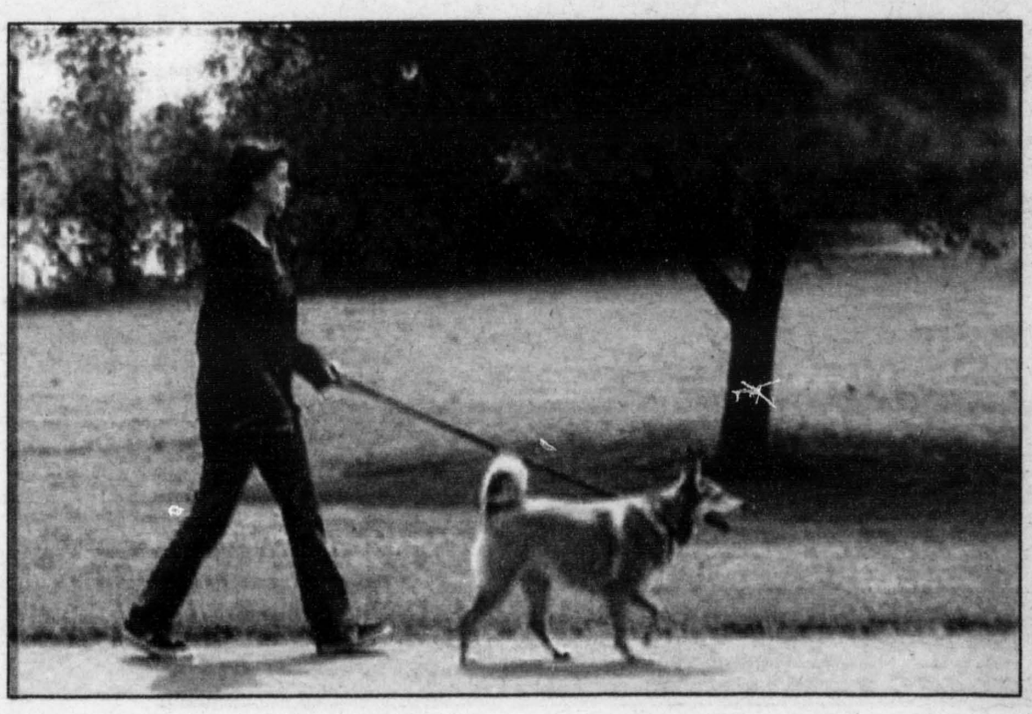
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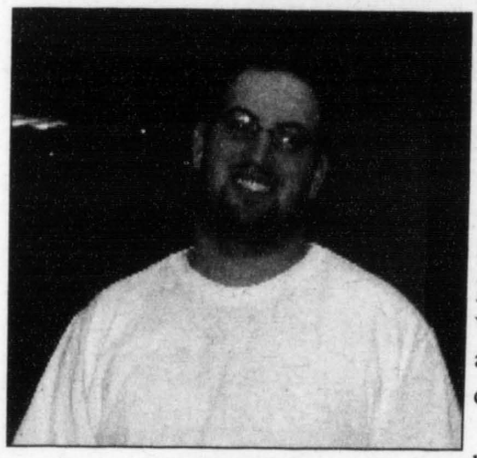
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Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

Making a difference



Sometimes I wonder if the students at Mansfield University really care about what goes on here.

Last week, voting for the Student Government Association (SGA) president was held. Out of 3,500 students approximately 300 voted.

Sometimes events on campus are not well advertised, but nobody can say that for the SGA presidential vote. There were signs plastered all over campus, informing students when and how voting took place. The candidates also had signs scattered throughout campus. The voting process is fairly quick and painless, so anybody who didn't vote has nothing to complain about if something happens on campus that they don't like.

In the four years I've been here there have been decisions that have been made that I didn't like. I certainly didn't agree with the decision to drop football in 2006. When it was dropped it felt like someone ripped my heart out, but I didn't do anything about it. The most any of us really did was write a few complaint letters and have a pizza sale. Maybe nothing could have been done, but looking back on it, I wish I would have tried more.

That's why last Monday, when there was talk of SGA cutting money for athletics, I was happy to see so many athletes attend the meeting. I wasn't at the meeting, but when the meeting was over I stood in *The Flashlight* office and watched everybody come down the steps of Alumni, leaving the meeting. It seemed as though they would never stop coming down the steps, that's how many people attended the meeting. In the end the turnout of athletes apparently didn't matter to SGA, but I applaud the athletes for going to the meeting and trying to make a difference.

What do YOU think?

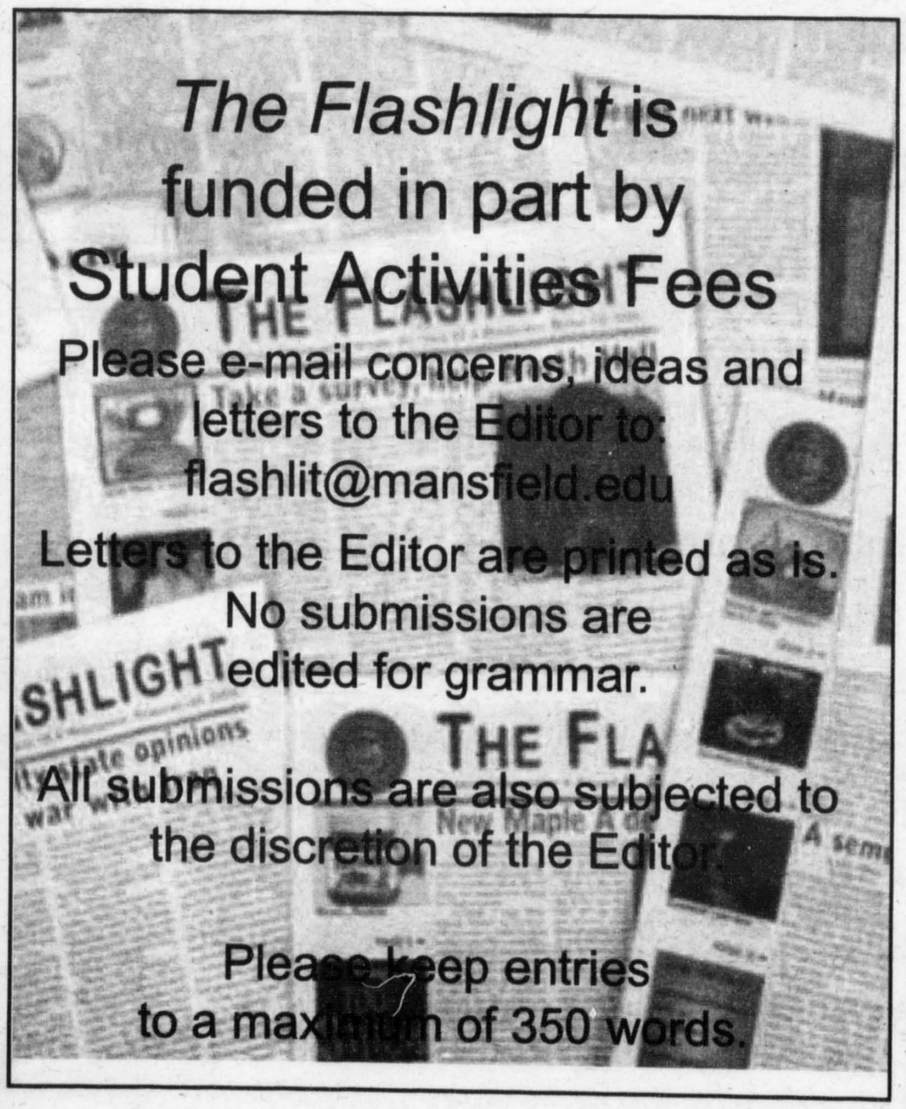
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Letter to the Editor

Barack Obama is irrefutably a very gifted politician. His charismatic persona and incredible public speaking skills have made him one of the most influential people in America. He has overcome a lot of obstacles in his life and has worked hard to become the person he is today. There's a lot of good things you can say about Barack Obama, it's just too bad he doesn't have the same things to say about you.

Recently, Mr. Obama told supporters at a San Francisco fundraiser: "You go into these small towns in Pennsylvania and, like a lot of small towns in the Midwest, the jobs have been gone now for 25 years. ... And it's not surprising then they get bitter, they cling to guns or religion or antipathy to people who aren't like them or anti-immigrant sentiment or anti-trade sentiment as a way to explain their frustrations."

Mr. Obama did get one thing right by saying a lot of small towns in America (particularly the Midwest) have been suffering from many economic problems that have resulted in job loss. Yet, Barack Obama's high taxation, welfare state policies will certainly not solve this problem. Also this is just nothing more than an arrogant, elitist type of comment. It's sad to see how out of touch Barack is with small-town Pennsylvanians. Mansfield has a population total of 3, 463, which obviously qualifies itself as a small town. So people of Mansfield and Tioga County need to ask themselves one question: "Am I a bitter, gun-loving, bible-thumping, bigot?"

Barack Obama constantly talks about acceptance, diversity and open-mindedness. However, he has stereotyped an entire group of hardworking people who may or may not embrace certain values he disagrees with. So when April 22 comes around people of Pennsylvania need to ask themselves another question, "Who represents me?"

Barack Obama is 80 percent style and 20 percent substance. A lot of people, especially people of my own age group, are mesmerized by a man they know little about. I've asked dozens of Obama supporters to name one decent piece of legislation he has been in charge of and none of them could find an answer. Now I'm not saying experience is everything but I'm just not convinced that a man like Barack Obama is qualified to lead this country. Also I don't think he has the right value system and policy ideas that can strengthen this great country of ours. Mr. Obama constantly talks about change and Pennsylvanians need to ask themselves one more final question, "What kind of change?"

Christian Johnson

Mansfield's Big Event

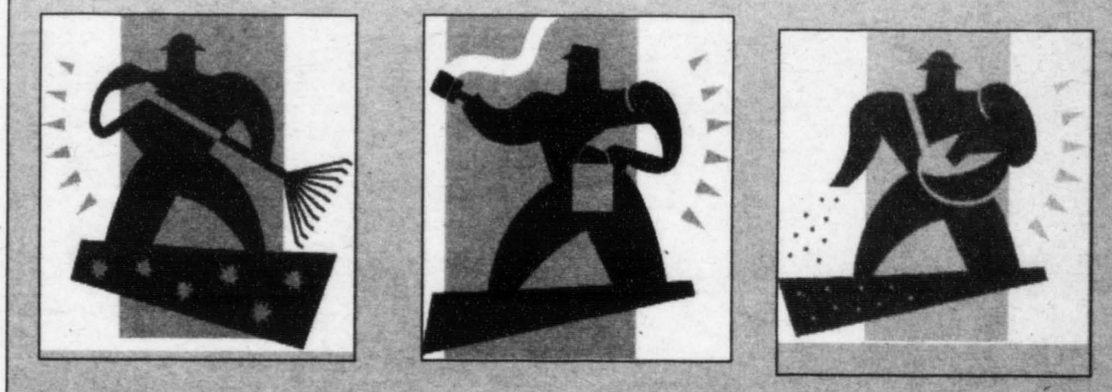
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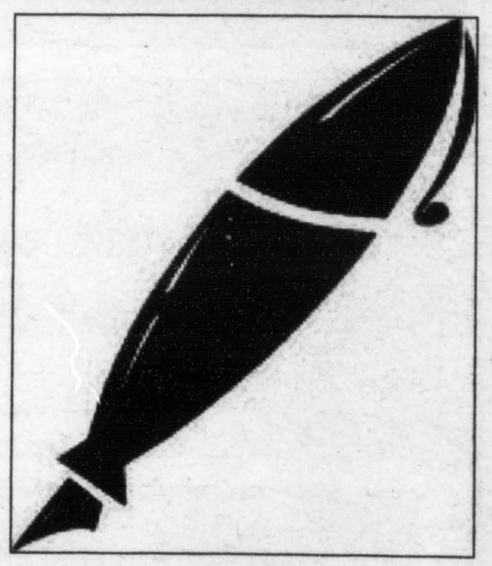


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Talk to Tarreto



Talk to Tarreto,

A friend of mine recently came to me freaking out because the condom she and her boyfriend were using broke and she's not on the pill! I told her to go down to the clinic in town and get the morning after pill. She eventually did but really didn't want to cause she doesn't agree with abortion. I told her it wasn't abortion cause I didn't think it was but she seemed pretty sure it was and now she's not doing well and is acting depressive. Is it abortion? Do you have any advice for her?

Thanks,
Worried Friend

Dear Worried Friend,

What your friend probably received at the clinic was Emergency Contraception (EC) which is not abortion. EC is basically a huge dose of birth control. (But this doesn't mean that if your condom breaks you should take a bunch of your BC pills at once! That's really dangerous! Go to the clinic and get the right stuff.) EC prevents you from getting pregnant; it does not end an existing pregnancy (that's what abortion is). EC stops an egg form leaving the ovaries, or stops sperm from getting to the egg, or prevents a fertilized egg from implanting in your uterus. It's required you take it within 72 hours of when you think you had unprotected sex but works better the sooner you take it.

One reason your friend might not be doing well is because EC dumps a crap load of hormones into your system and you're likely to feel pretty bad for a day or two. Another reason seems to be she feels guilty or ashamed. You might try talking to her about the actual experience of going to the clinic and asking for the medication because many people might find it deeply embarrassing. She probably needs to talk to someone about her experience and feelings surrounding it. Obviously, a sensitive professional would be best (see the Advocacy or Counseling centers), but a friend can help too.

It is my opinion she should not feel ashamed for this or any other decision she makes about her own body. It's never easy to make tough decisions but we have to respect other's choices and keep in mind that most people are doing the best they can for the situations they end up in. It's also not easy to feel like you've been irresponsible (which she might be feeling). It's hard to admit when you mess up, but it sounds like she tried to follow up with doing the responsible thing. It also sounds like she has at least one supportive and understanding friend which is usually the very thing we all need when going through a tough time.

When she's feeling better you might want to mention that if she gets birth control she might not need to go through something like this again. You can get free birth control at the clinic in town and everything is confidential. Make an appointment by calling (570) 662-7766. Good luck and keep up the great support of your friend!

*Corey Tarreto is not a professional and her responses to your questions should not be taken as advice. If you need professional assistance, please contact the Counseling Center in Hemlock or the Advocacy Center in Pinecrest.

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1. What is the name of Ariel's fish friend?
   - A. Cuddles
   - B. Flounder
   - C. George
   - D. Scuttle

2. What year did the Little Mermaid come out?
   - A. 1999
   - B. 1988
   - C. 1989
   - D. 1997

3. What is King Triton, Ariel's father, ruler of?
   - A. The Black Sea
   - B. The Red Sea
   - C. The Nile River
   - D. Atlantica and the Seven Seas

4. Who was Ariel's love interest?
   - A. Prince Eric
   - B. Prince Henry
   - C. Prince John
   - D. Prince Bob

5. What does the evil sea witch Ursula take from Ariel in exchange for human legs?
   - A. Her gorgeous red hair
   - B. Her friendship
   - C. Her voice
   - D. Her necklace

6. Chef Louie tries to cook which one of Ariel's friends?
   - A. Flounder
   - B. Scuttle
   - C. Sebastian
   - D. King Triton

7. Which sea character attempts to give Ariel information about the human world?
   - A. Scuttle
   - B. Flounder
   - C. Sebastian
   - D. Ricky

8. What is the famous song from this movie?
   - A. Once in Awhile
   - B. In My Own Corner
   - C. Part of Your World
   - D. Be Our Guest

9. How many sisters did Ariel have?
   - A. None
   - B. 2
   - C. 15
   - D. 7

10. What accessory was used to put a spell on the Prince?
   - A. Earrings
   - B. A ring
   - C. A necklace
   - D. A watch

Flashlight Comics



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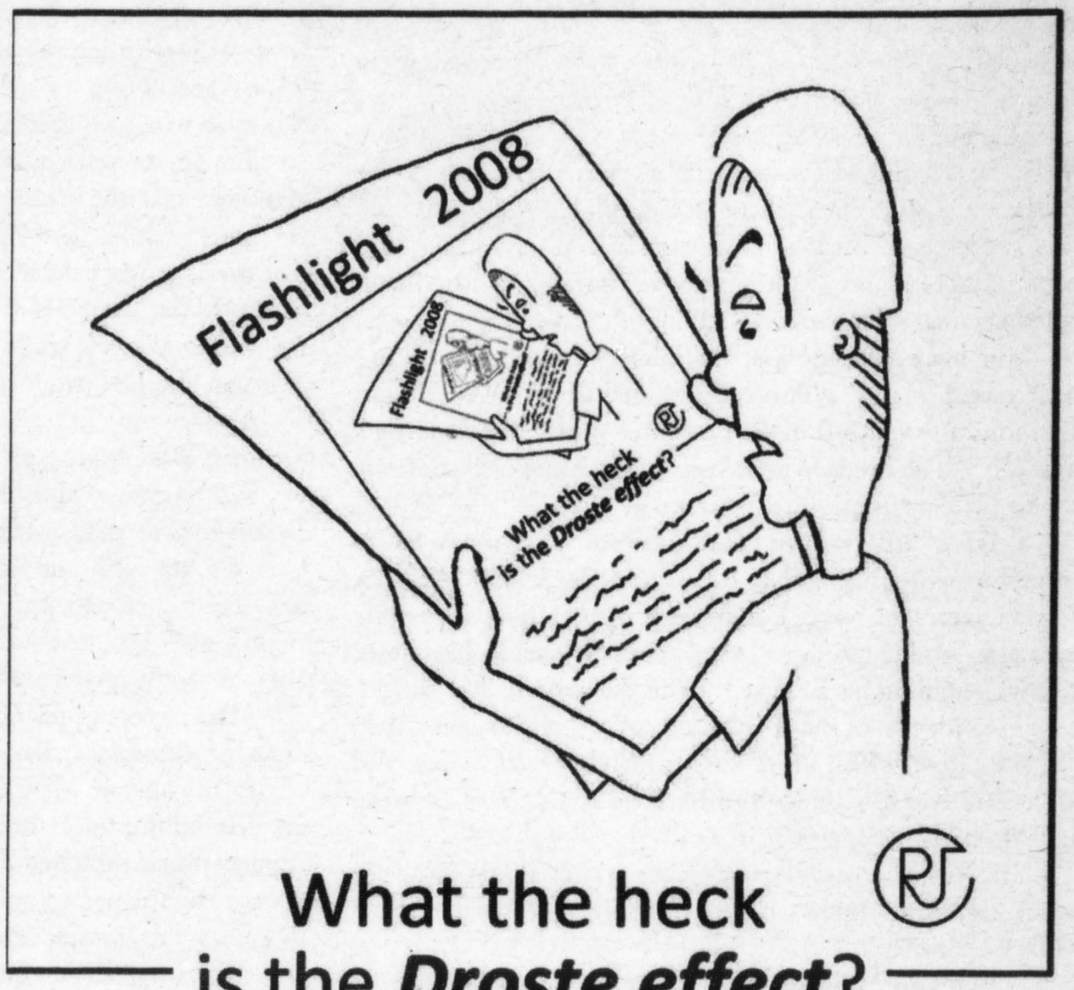
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Mountaineers tied for second-place in PSAC East with 7-5 record

By ALLEN BENNETT
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University baseball team ended the past two weeks with a 7-5 record against Kutztown, Clarion, Slippery Rock and West Chester University.

The first of the twelve games played was at Kutztown where the Mountaineers swept the Golden Bears 1-0 in the opener and 7-0 in the nightcap in a PSAC East doubleheader.

Irv Sleighter threw a four-hit shutout in the opener and threw just 81 pitches - striking out five and walking just one in a pitchers dual with Kutztown's Philip Rummel.

"The biggest thing about Irv is that he pitches for strikes," head coach Harry Hillson said. "He threw two straight shutouts and went 3-0 in the past three games so he's doing a great job. All he needs to do is keep on track and he'll continue to be a big contribution to the team."

Sleighter was awarded PSAC East pitcher of the week for his performance during the week of April 7-13. After the West Chester games, he was 5-1 on the year with a strikeout-to-walk ratio of 27-4. He has not allowed an earned run in his last 22 innings - holding his ERA at 1.70 on the season.

The only run of the opener came off a single to center field by Nate Grove which drove in Chris Miller. Ryan Giblin and Miller had two hits apiece for Mansfield while Chad Lightcap had two hits for Kutztown.

Eric Rosenberger followed Sleighter with a six-hit shutout in the nightcap where he scattered six hits and struck out five while walking two.

Giblin and Abe Yeakel gave Rosenberger all the cushion he needed in the first inning with back-to-back home runs. The Mountaineers got three more runs in the fourth on RBI singles from Miller and Grove and a sacrifice bunt by Drew Bair. Justin Garcia drove in two more runs with a double in the fifth.

"Our older guys have really swung the bat well this season," Hillson said. "When the guys are able to get on base Miller, Giblin or Abe are right there to hit them in."

In the next doubleheader the Mountaineers traveled to Kutztown where they lost 3-1 in the opener and 5-1 in the nightcap. It was the first time the team dropped a doubleheader this season.

Mansfield managed just seven hits combined in the two games.

The opener featured a pitching dual between Mansfield's Garcia and Kutztown's Darin Gorski. Garcia scattered four hits over six innings, striking out four and walking none. A three-run home run by Kutztown's Lightcap in the bottom of the sixth accounted for all Kutztown's runs and all three runs were unearned after a Mansfield error extended the inning.

In the nightcap, Mansfield was held to four hits while Kutztown had 11. Kutztown scored twice in the first off Tyler Noel. Two of Kutztown's five runs were unearned.

"Everything went our way on Saturday and then everything just happened to go Kutztown's way on Sunday," Hillson said. "The guys learned from the loss - but it's like that with every conference game. With each game, you gain more experience. The goal is to just come out and compete every week. Kutztown is a great team - they won the championship last season, so we're okay with the split. In the nightcap, regardless of the loss, Stewart and Tellip both did a tremendous job out of the bullpen. We try to keep our guys sharp by pitching them a lot and Stewart and Tellip didn't let us down."

Mansfield was able to come back off of the losses at Kutztown to sweep Clarion in a PSAC crossover doubleheader on Monday, April 7.

Bair lifted a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the seventh to drive in the winning run in the opener to give Mansfield the 6-5 win and Giblin drove in four runs in the nightcap to lead Mansfield to a 14-6 defeat over the Golden Eagles.

The opener started off with a 4-1 lead by Clarion before Mansfield tied the score with three runs in the bottom of the third. Giblin and Yeakel singled before Miller lifted a shot over the left field fence for his fourth home run of the season. Miller went 2-4 with a home run and four RBIs for the Mountaineers while Yeakel, Jared Johnson and Chris Coleman also had two hits apiece.

After coming in to pitch for Zach Ullrich in the seventh, freshman Mike Martin picked up his first collegiate win.

In the nightcap, Mansfield broke open a 3-3 tie with six runs in the bottom of the third highlighted by a three run triple by Giblin.

"We just went out there and played every inning" Hillson said. "Every time you play a game in our conference you have to play well. You have to give Clarion their due credit. They didn't come out to give up two games - we had to work for it."

After sweeping Clarion, Mansfield traveled to Slippery Rock for a doubleheader.

In the opener, Mansfield scored three runs in the top of the first inning on a three-run home run by Garcia before Slippery Rock exploded for nine runs in the bottom of the inning. Despite pounding out 11 hits, Slippery Rock managed 18 against the Mountaineers' pitching staff.

Garcia went 3-3 with a home run and three RBIs while Matt Young and Miller each had two hits. Martin suffered the loss.

In the nightcap, Coleman drove in Miller with a single in the top of the eighth to propel Mansfield to a 9-8 win over Slippery Rock. Giblin, Garcia, Yeakel, Bair and Justin Baer had two hits apiece for the Mountaineers. Sleighter pitched 1 1/3 innings to pick up the win.

The Mountaineers then headed to West Chester for a key PSAC East doubleheader.

In the opener, Sleighter crafted a seven-hit shutout and Miller went 2-3 with an RBI to lead Mansfield to a 2-0 win. Sleighter threw just 61 pitches while the junior allowed no walks and struck out two to pick up his second win in three days.

"It was a confidence boost to beat West Chester, but you play 20 conference games and a win against a top team is just like a win against anyone else," Hillson said. " All that matters in the end is the team who has the most wins - they are ones who go to the playoffs."

The Mountaineers were not as lucky in the nightcap when West Chester, ranked #11 in the nation in the latest ABCA/Collegiate Poll, won 11-2. West Chester exploded for seven runs in the third inning breaking open a 3-1 game. Young went 2-3 for Mansfield while Garcia hit his sixth home run of the season with a lead off homer in the second inning.

West Chester came to Mansfield for the second of the doubleheaders which the teams split.

In the opener, West Chester scored first picking up two runs in the first inning. Mansfield fought back with a run of their own when Yeakel drove in Matt Young with an RBI groundout. Mansfield took the lead in the second when Miller led off with a double. Bair laid down a bunt to score Miller from third and advanced Coleman to second. Battisti followed with a single to center field to score Coleman and give Mansfield a 3-2 lead.

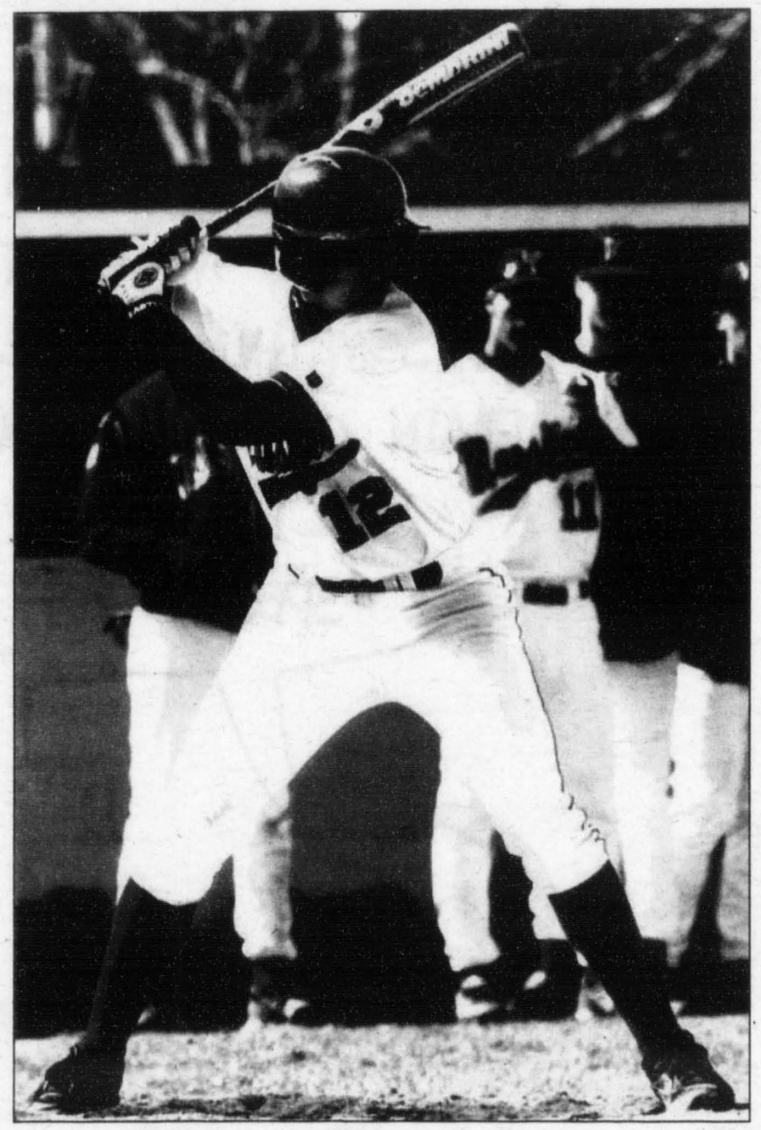


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Senior captian Ryan Giblin hit a RBI single down the right field line in the bottom of the twelfth inning to give Mansfield the 6-5 win over West Chester on Sat. April 12.

West Chester wouldn't stay down as they scored two runs in the fourth and put up six runs in the fifth inning on their way to a 13-6 win.

In the nightcap, Giblin hit a RBI single down the right field line in the bottom of the twelfth to score Bair and give the Mountaineers the 6-5 win over West Chester.

"Giblin is our team captain," Hillson said. "He does everything- fields, hits, runs. The only thing he doesn't do is pick up the bats at the end of the day and sometimes he even does that."

Tellip earned the win in relief for Mansfield going 4 2/3 innings allowing just two hits and no runs.

"Trevor did an outstanding job," Hillson said. "He gave up no runs and helped keep West Chester from coming back in the second game."

Giblin had three hits including his game-winning RBI while Grove went 3-3 with an RBI.

"The biggest thing about these guys is they're scrappy," Hillson said. "They stay in every game until the end and nothing much gets them down. It was a long game, but we were just glad that we got it over with and got out of there with a win."

Mansfield travels to Millersville on Friday for a PSAC East doubleheader.

Softball team snaps nine game losing streak

By CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University softball team snapped their nine game losing streak by picking up four wins during the past week.

The Mountaineers broke the nine game losing streak when they split with Millersville University on Sun. April 6.

Jen Stein singled to left field to drive Shana Markwis home for Mansfield's first run in the top of the first inning of the nightcap. Millersville fought back in the bottom of the first to score two runs to take the lead.

The Mountaineers retaliated by driving in four runs in the third inning to retake the lead. Janelle Antes bunted for a hit, Megan Trutt reached on an error and Stein walked to load the bases for Gab Carrullo. Carrullo hit a three-run double to right center field to drive in Antes, Trutt and Stein. Jess Christ hit her own double to right center field to score Carrullo.

Mansfield tacked on two more runs when Trutt scored on a Christ single in the fifth and when Nicole Yost did the same in the seventh. The final score of game two was 7-5.

Millersville won game one 2-1. Mansfield's only run came when Carrullo scored when Amanda Lewis reached on an error.

Christ, who has played shortstop for most of the season, moved to second basemen in the second game. "It was a defensive move that we thought felt better," head coach Edith Gallagher said. "Christ was an All-Conference second basemen her sophomore year and we needed a defensive switch."

The win over Millersville not only broke the nine game losing streak, but also gave Mansfield its first PSAC win of the season. "We're just disappointed that a PSAC win didn't come earlier," Gallagher said. "We were just waiting for our offense to come around."

A pair of wins followed later in the week when the Mountaineers swept Shippensburg University. Both of the games were won by one run.

Whitney Brown pitched game one allowing just six hits to shut out Shippensburg.

"Whitney didn't have a single pitch left in her but she gave everything she had which is what we needed," Gallagher said. "We needed big games out of our pitchers and Whitney, Lindsay Knapp and Melissa Baer gave us real clutch performances."

Markwis scored the only run for Mansfield in the opener. She dropped a bunt single, advanced to second off of a sacrifice bunt by Antes, moved to third off of a Christ single and finally scored on a wild pitch to give Mansfield the 1-0 win.

Knapp started game two and was relieved by Baer in the fifth inning. Baer was credited with the win.

Antes hit a home run in the first inning and Yost scored off of Lewis' single to center field in the second. Antes scored again in the fifth inning off of a sacrifice fly by Trutt, but the Mountaineers still trailed 6-3.

Mansfield broke open the game with five runs in the fifth inning. Lewis drove in Yost with an RBI walk. Markwis followed with a single down the right field line to bring in Kristina Poore and Sarah Cullen to give the Mountaineers a cushion. "We became more patient at the plate so we could put more pressure on the defense," Gallagher said. "We hit a lot more singles and doubles and started to score more."

Shippensburg scored a run in the bottom of the fifth but Baer retired the side in order in the seventh as Mansfield hung on for the 8-7 win.

Mansfield then went on to split a doubleheader with West Chester on Monday. They lost the opener 5-1 but won game two 3-2.

The only run for the Mountaineers in the opener came from Yost's RBI single which brought in Carrullo.

Carrullo drew a bases loaded walk in the fifth inning to drive in Antes and what proved to be the winning run in the Mountaineers 3-2 win.

Katie McConville went 1-2 in the game with an RBI and a sacrifice bunt. She batted left handed which was unusual because she has always batted right handed. "The reason Katie has become a switch-hitter is because she is right-eye dominate," Gallagher said. "It came with a big hit and we will see much more of it."

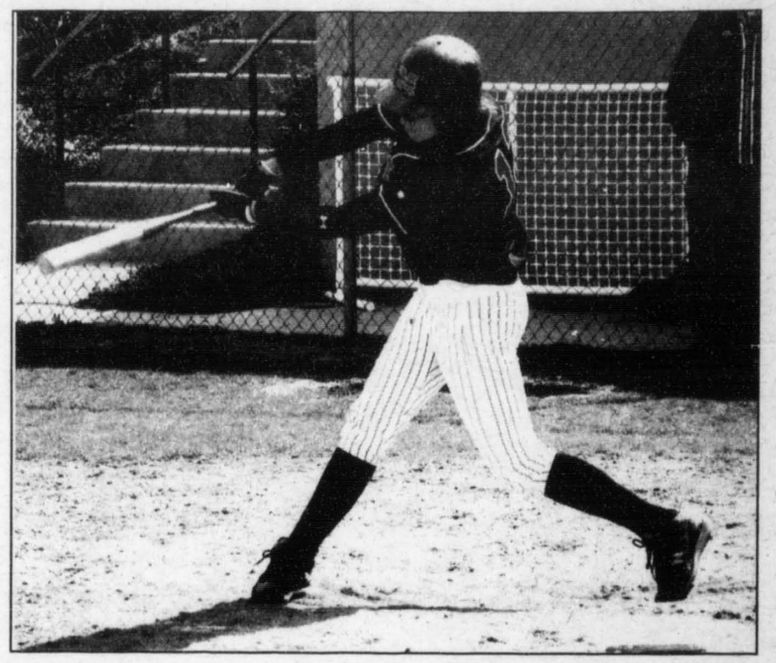


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Senior captain Shana Markwis hit a line drive down first base in the nightcap against Shippensburg to help the Mountaineers come back from a three run deficit in the bottom of the sixth.

In other PSAC action this past week, Trutt hit her first collegiate home run against Bloomsburg. Bloomsburg is nationally ranked and Mansfield lost 5-1 in the first game and 9-2 in the second game.

Antes also hit her first career home run against East Stroudsburg. They swept Mansfield 4-1 and 2-0 in the doubleheader on Sat. April 5.

"The team has really been playing to their potential but we're mostly looking forward to playing at home for the next couple of games," Gallagher said.

The next three games for the Mountaineers will be at home. Wednesday they host Kutztown University, Friday they host Millersville, and Tuesday they host Bloomsburg.

Bracketology Report: Kansas 2008 NCAA Champions

March Madness has finally come to an end and Danelle and I (your humble sports editors) came out of the craziness with a bracket that even Dickie V would be ashamed of. Luckily for you all, we've entered in the ACTUAL winners from each round so now you can get an idea of what actually went down this 07-08 season.



After a 20 year drought, the Kansas Jayhawks went on to defeat Memphis in the 2008 National Championship in San Antonio, Texas.

A win was never a sure thing for either team as the lead switched back and forth during the 40 minutes of regulation time. Kansas led at halftime 33-28, but the Tigers came out strong in the second half to out score the Jayhawks 8-2 and retake the lead. With the clock winding down and 2:12 left in regulation, Memphis led 60-51.

Unfortunately for the Tigers, their 59 percent free-throw shooting came back to haunt them in the final minutes of the game. With 1:15 remaining, the Tigers missed three crucial free throws keeping Kansas within three points. With 2.1 seconds left in regulation, Kansas's Marion Chalmers hit a three-pointer to send the game into overtime.

The Jayhawks dominated during the extra minutes with Darrell Arthur and Darnell Jackson scoring the first six points in overtime. Memphis wasn't able to pull any closer than three and Kansas walked away from the Alamodome with a 75-68 win.

The Jayhawks ended their season with a 37-3 overall record while the Tigers dropped to 38-2.

Boxing Coach brings spirit to the ring

By DAVE MADSEN
Special to the Flashlight

After a long summer of parties and junk food, I found myself a few pounds overweight. I also had a lot of free time. I played sports in high school, although I was never talented enough to play in college. I missed the camaraderie of teammates and the satisfaction of breaking a hard sweat outside of the classroom.

One day after class, I noticed a poster for the boxing club. I never boxed in my life, but I said to myself, "Why not?"

I started attending the boxing club practices at Mansfield University and discovered things that I never knew about the sport. I was always under the impression that boxing was just two overgrown men with boxing gloves pounding the snot out of each other. But as the semester went on, I learned that it takes a tremendous amount of physical conditioning, patience and technique - all things I lacked.

To improve, I knew I needed help outside of regular practices. I asked some of the other members for advice, they all recommended Coach Dennis Garner. I contacted him and we agreed to meet in the fitness center. I had met him before and knew he had a prosthetic leg. He was 54 years old and was a preacher. My expectations were unclear, but I was excited that I would finally get the help I needed.

When I met with Garner I practiced on the punching bag to work on my technique. At the end of our session, I was stunned when Garner put on gloves and a helmet and told me that we were going to spar.

He said, "let me know if my punches are too hard." Startled and confused that I was going to spar a one legged 54 year old preacher, I simply agreed and we sparred. I managed to throw three punches, which he avoided with ease and countered with a crushing punch to my nose that made my eyes water. I detected a faint taste of blood in my mouth and immediately yelled "Stop!" I walked away from the fitness center humbled.

When I told people about Garner and our sparring sessions they looked at me with disbelief. Curiosity followed and every time I told someone about the boxing lessons they would ask, "How did he lose his leg" or "how long has he been boxing?" I wondered these same questions. I sat down with Garner and asked him about his past. Garner explained to me that when he was eight years old he was getting his tonsils taken out. The anesthesiologist made a mistake and had given him a strong dosage. He was only supposed to be unconscious for a few hours, but instead he was asleep for over eight hours.

While he was sleeping, he did not move and due to the lack of circulation to his foot he suffered complications. The doctors explained to him that he would have problems with his leg the rest of his life. This did not hold Garner back.

While attending college at Mansfield University as a theatre major in 1975, he met fellow students that had an interest in boxing. He began working and sparring with these students and that is how he began learning the sport. Garner fell in love with boxing and continued to practice and spar with people in the local area. In 1993, Garner was asked to help create and coach a boxing club. The club was formed and during its first year one of its members won a bronze medal at the national competition.

In 2003 his leg problems became worse and the doctors gave him two options: he could receive a high level of pain killers that would get rid of the pain, but could cause him other health problems later, or they could remove his leg. Faced with this dilemma, Garner sought refuge in the church. He was always a devout follower, but with this new obstacle he knew he would need extra help. He was so involved in the church that his pastor asked him to be his assistant and that is when he began his spiritual journey toward becoming a preacher. After reflecting on his options, Garner made the decision to remove his leg.

Garner admits that the decision was not easy, but through strong will and prayer he was able to overcome the obstacle. "I could sit around and feel sorry for myself but I decided to live."

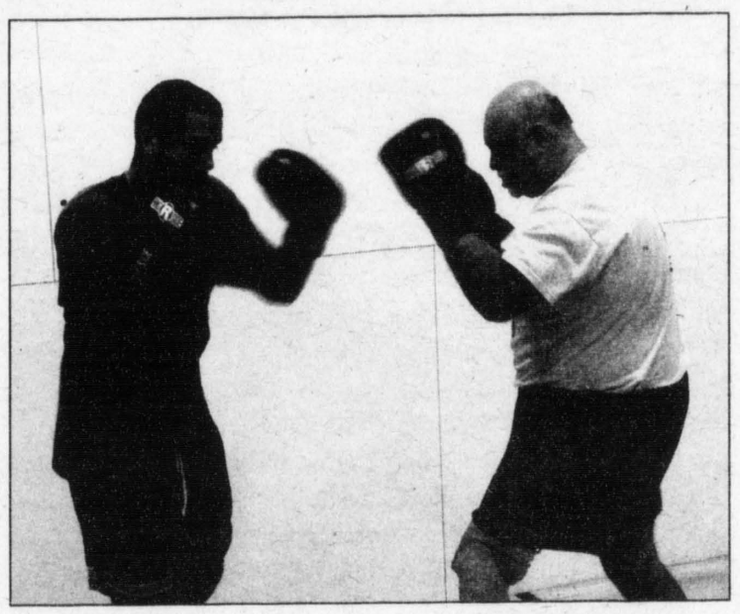


PHOTO BY MIKE LENGEL
Coach Dennis Garner, founder of the Mansfield boxing club, continues to coach Mansfield students despite his prosthetic leg.

Word on the Street: With Nicole and Danelle

"Word on the Street" is the section where we ask an inquiring, deep, pensive question each week about current sports news - anyone on campus is at risk.

Q: Who do you think will be the number one NFL draft pick?



Ron Bolek - "Chris Long, the defensive end from Virginia because he's the best player."



Bob Vesce - "Jake Long because he would help out Miami the most even though they'll want to trade their pick for offensive linemen help."



Evan Pritchard - "Jake Long because he's the best overall player."

Cummings qualifies for nationals at Bison Outdoor Classic

By NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Mansfield track and field athletes made PSAC qualifying times at Slippery Rock and Chris Cummings qualified for Nationals at Bison Open during the first week of April.

At the PSAC West Challenge at Slippery Rock University on April 5, senior Chris Cummings, senior Dave Sanford and junior Victor Garcia all qualified for PSAC's in the 800 meter dash. Cummings earned first place in the race with a time of 1:54.58, Sanford followed in second with a time of 1:55.69 and Garcia rounded up the third place spot with a time of 1:56.39.

"It was really no surprise considering how well they've done in previous seasons," head coach Mike Rohl said. "We went down there and competed and things turned out the way we thought they would. The three guys are probably the best 800 meter runners in conference and they just went in and dominated like we knew they would."

Sophomore John-Mark Stoltz also received a qualifying time of 3:59.67, earning him a fourth place finish in the 1500 meter run.

"John-Mark had a huge breakthrough," Rohl said. "He is a very hard working young man and he has a chance to do well in the 1500 at the conference meet."

Sophomore Mike Gray added to the men's team with a third place finish in the shot put (14.11m), a first place finish in the discus throw (49.28m) and a sixth place finish in the hammer throw (40.81m). Gray has already qualified for Nationals in the discus throw.

"It's nice having all of these athletes qualifying for PSAC's," Rohl said. "It takes the pressure off of them and lets them focus on preparing for the CTC."

On the women's side, senior Katrina Brumfield earned second place in the high jump (1.58m) while freshman Jess Allyn pulled out a third place finish in the 400 meter dash with a personal best time of 1:02.00.

"We gave Jess a new race plan going into the Slippery Rock meet," women's head coach Steph Cadwell said. "She ran a 62 which was a personal best for her and we're excited to see how she'll do in the next 400 race at the CTC. She did a great job with the race plan. Her time was only a second off from qualifying for conference and we're hoping to see her reach that goal."

Brumfield did not qualify for PSAC's but she will be heading to the Penn Relays April 23-26.

"With each meet Katrina has been working on her technique," Cadwell said. "We've been working on improving her approach to the bar and she's gotten better with each meet. Her one jump at Slippery Rock would have been a qualifying mark but she put her hand down so it didn't count. She has been accepted into the Penn Relays though, which is a big accomplishment. We'll be taking Katrina and the relay team there to compete next week."

The women's team finished the Slippery Rock meet in sixth place with 37.5 team points.

In addition to Brumfield and Allyn, sophomore Erica Ferguson earned an eighth place finish in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:33.05.

"I think we did fairly well," Cadwell said. "It was more of a scoring meet and we just tried to focus on getting as many people qualified for PSAC's as we possibly could. Many of the athletes received personal bests and it was a hard trip because it's so far away - but overall they all did a good job."

Anine Stanley and Chelsea Conway went on to compete in the Junior Racewalkers World Cup U.S. Qualifier in Long Island, NY on Sunday, April 6.

Stanley broke the school record with a time of 54.01 in her race, earning a fourth place finish. Conway also earned a fourth place finish in her separate division race with a time of 54.57. She just missed earning a position on the U.S. junior world cup team by one spot. The junior world cup team is for athletes 19 and under, so Conway was the only one who would have been able to qualify.

"We went into this with a different race plan," Rohl said. "In order to qualify for the world cup team that would be going to Russia this year, you had to walk under 53 minutes. So their plan was to walk out at a 53 minute pace and just try to hang on for as long as they can. Chelsea came close to doing that – but just missed."

Stanley and Conway were joined by junior Sarah Groat, freshman Samantha Goldthwait and freshman Michelle Clarke at the qualifier.

"They all ran well," Rohl said. "It was a cold day and a long day but they all did their best."

Cummings and Sanford traveled to the Bison Outdoor Classic at Bucknell University the following weekend, April 11-12, to compete against Division I schools like American University and Yale University.

Cumming's finished in seventh place with a time of 3:48.14 in the 1500 meter dash to qualify for the NCAA Division II National Championships in Walnut, California. The championships will take place May 22-24.

"Chris lost to two guys from American, two from Yale, one from Lock Haven and one professional runner," Rohl said. "Chris and Dave have been on heavy training for the past couple of days and they were running on tired legs – so considering all that I think they both did well."

Sanford finished tenth in the 1500 meter in a separate race with a time of 3:56.46.

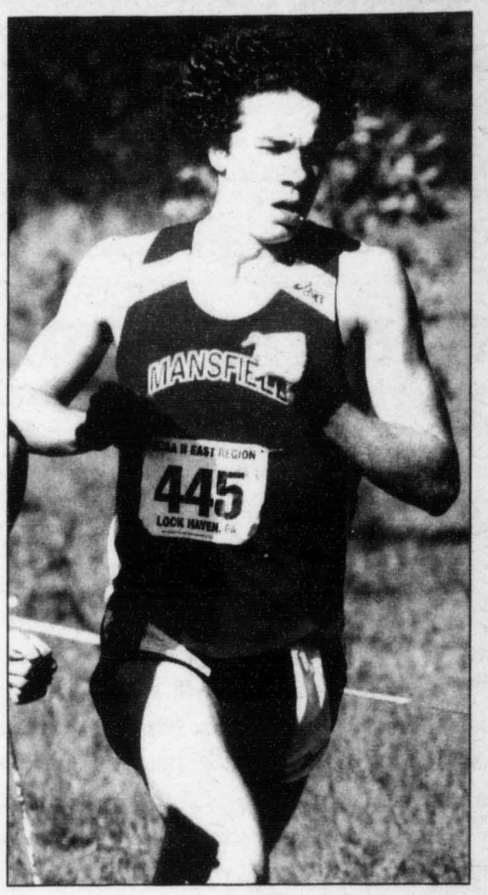
"Dave ran a strong race, but didn't have the kick that he wanted," Rohl said. "I think that Dave, along with Garcia, Katie Foster and Brumfield all have a good chance at making it to Nationals this year though."

After qualifying for Nationals at the Bison Outdoor Classic, Cummings and the rest of the track and field team hosted the annual Mansfield University High School Track and Field Invitational.

"The high school invitation is probably the single largest student event put on by the university," Rohl said. "Seventeen high schools were there and probably around 600 community students. The university athletes put on the entire thing - they officiated and timed all the events. Where you normally would pay 20 officials to come out, all of our athletes go out and do it for free. It is part of the community service that the team participates in to help out the district."

Mansfield's track and field team heads to the Collegiate Track Conference (CTC) April 19-20 at DeSales University.

"The team is trying to focus on the CTC meet now," Rohl said. "We won the indoor meet and we're looking to do the same at the outdoor meet. We have a busy, busy week ahead of us."



SPORTS INFORMATION
Sophomore John-Mark Stoltz qualified for PSAC's in the 1500 with a time of 3:59.67 at the PSAC West Challenge on Sat. April 5.

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Mansfield boxing club brings home one silver and two bronze

By DANELLE MILLER
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Three men from the Mansfield University boxing club traveled to Reno, Nev. to compete in the nationals competition.

Roi Ligon, Jarrell Hill and Chris Phifer represented Mansfield and placed. Ligon and Hill won bronze medals and Phifer won silver. Ligon and Hill fought on Thursday and Friday, while Phifer fought on Saturday.

Ligon was ranked third in the Eastern division. He defeated Harvey White of the Air Force Academy in the Western division quarterfinals. The men competed at the 125 pound weight class.

Ligon lost in the semi-final round to number one Eastern ranked fighter, Enilo Garcia of Army.

Hill fought at the 132 pound weight class and was ranked number two in the East. In the quarterfinals he defeated Mark Stidham of Northern Kentucky, who was ranked number two in the Midwest.

In the semi-final round, Hill lost to David Schatcter of Nevada University at Reno, who was ranked number one in the West and held the national title three years in a row.

"I wanted to fight from different angles and switch my style and throw punches on angles," Hill said. "He protects his face, so I wanted to work his body. I kept moving, but I kept my hands down. I needed more defense than offense. When I got tired later in the rounds, he scored more points."

This was Hill's second time winning the bronze medal and third appearance at nationals.

Richard Gillespie is the head coach of the boxing club. "Jarrell won the first round and tied the second. Schatcter elevated his game to win and Jarrell couldn't stay with him," Gillespie said.

"Both [Ligon and Hill] fought good and won in the first match," Phifer said. "Hill fought a guy who won the past three years. It was a close match. Roi fought a guy who he lost to three times. It's a big mental obstacle you need to overcome."

Phifer was ranked number two in the East and fought in the heavyweight class. He fought and defeated number two ranked Bojan Simic of the University of Kentucky.

In the semi-finals Phifer defeated number one Western ranked fighter Corey Tintzman of the Air Force Academy.

In the finals, Phifer lost to Jeff Laupola of Navy, the number one ranked fighter in the Midwest.

"In the first and second fights I did really good. I worked my jab and got inside. Fight number three caught me off guard. He caught me early and threw me off and I fought his fight," Phifer said.

"If you want to beat Chris you charge him," Gillespie said. "Chris prevented that in the two rounds and wasn't able to against Laupola. He couldn't use his reach to prevent Laupola from getting close to him. He needed Laupola to fight his fight and couldn't," Gillespie said.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Senior, Chris Phifer brought home a silver medal in the National Boxing Tournament in Reno, Nev. last weekend.

"The goal of every team is to win the national title. We entered five in regionals, three in nationals and one in finals. It's a huge task to accomplish," Gillespie said. "The university should be proud of these guys. We were underdogs who kept fighting. We were the smallest institution to get guys in nationals."

Coming up in Mountie Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
April 17	18 Baseball @ Millersville 1 p.m. Softball vs Millersville, 2 p.m.	19 Track and Field @ CTC meet @ DeSales Baseball vs Millersville 1 p.m.	20 Baseball vs Columbia Union, 1 p.m. Track and Field @ CTC meet @ DeSales	21	22 Softball @ Bloomsburg, 2 p.m.	23 Track and Field at Penn Relays @ Franklin Field
24 Track and Field at Penn Relays	25 Track and Field at Penn Relays Baseball @ Bloomsburg, 1 p.m. Softball @ East Stroudsburg, 2:30 p.m.	26 Track and Field at Penn Relays Baseball @ Bloomsburg, 1 p.m. Softball vs Shippensburg, 2 p.m.	27 Track and Field at Big Red Invite @ Ithaca, NY	28	29	30

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Today's Weather

Sunny

High- 70°F

Overnight Low- 43°F

Information taken from weather.com

Mansfield students come in first place for nursing challenge

By SHARON THOMAS

Flashlight Writer

Five Mansfield University students brought home a victory after competing in the Student Nurse Challenge held at East Stroudsburg University on March 28.

First time competitors Kaela Appleman, Daniella Borrelli, Soralda Calderon, Breana Hicks and Maja Singh defeated eleven other teams during the challenge—beating out East Stroudsburg during the final round.

"I almost feel like it was a Cinderella story," Singh said. According to Singh, there was no advisor or faculty member present. "We came with nothing (no support) but ourselves and weren't expecting anything."

The team learned of the competition a month before it was to be held. "We thought it would be fun to go, but when we walked in we saw how serious it was," Singh said. "We didn't tell our faculty members—we had gone on a whim."



PHOTO COURTESY OF MAJA SINGH

The winners of the Student Nurse Challenge from left to right: Maja Singh, Breana Hicks, Kaela Appleman, Soralda Calderon and Daniella Borrelli.

The Student Nurse Challenge was started five years ago. The primary goal is to prepare nursing students for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

In order to take the exam, a student must graduate from an accredited school of nursing. Furthermore, the exam must be taken within three years after completing a nursing program. If a student is working under a temporary license (i.e. Graduate nurse), he or she has six months to a year, depending on the job's policy.

Appleman, Borrelli, Calderon, Hicks and Singh are all seniors in the Nursing program in Sayre. They anticipate pursuing careers where they have an opportunity to work directly with patients. Appleman, Boreili and Hicks will be graduate nurses at Geisinger, Lourdes, and Lehigh Valley Hospitals, respectively. Calderon anticipates working in women's health. Singh desires to work in the Pediatrics field.

These Mansfield students won the title for the northeast region. The team is able to compete for the state championship in November during the Student Nurses' Association of Pennsylvania (S.N.A.P.) conference in Harrisburg.

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MISO hosts annual multicultural festival

By BEKA BROWN

Flashlight Staff Writer

The Mansfield International Students Organization (MISO) held their 27 annual international festival in North Manser at 6 p.m. on April 19.

The banquet included an assortment of international dishes prepared by Manser chefs and entertainment that represented nations across the world.

In the past, MISO members have cooked the food for the banquet. This year, due to food service regulations, Manser was required to prepare all of the entrees and desserts. MISO members provided their traditional recipes for Manser employees to utilize.

MISO president Maria Reich was pleased with the quality of the food prepared. "It all tasted very good. It all tasted very cultural," Reich said.

The entertainment portion of the evening included a variety of performers.

Gesù "Chuy" Francesco opened the performances with several songs on the Spanish guitar. He was followed by Harry Sheehe and Dr. Tim Madigan playing the bagpipes and a drum. Next up was a presentation called "Be an Ancient Traveler," by Adèle Hertzog, Nadège Berlier, Vanessa Treney. They taught the audience French vocabulary words that related to sailing across the ocean.

Madigan then returned to the stage with a harmonica along with Arnaud Jaquier playing the double bass. MISO advisor Annie Cooper's annual fashion show was modeled by Mansfield University staff and faculty. The final performer was Sonita Qahar with a traditional Afghanistani belly dancing demonstration.

Reich thinks that events like the festival are important to diversify the campus.

"It's important to Mansfield for once every year to have something that is out of the norm. It breaks the daily routine around here," Reich said.

The theme of the festival was "ancient travelers." The organization voted to choose the theme when planning for the event started before spring break. Reich felt that the theme suited the organization.

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PHOTO BY MIKE LENGEL

MISO held their 27 annual festival. Students and faculty came out to get a taste and feel of different cultures

Weekly Weather

TODAY

Sunny

High: 70 Low: 42

FRIDAY

Partly Cloudy

High: 73 Low: 50

SATURDAY

Showers

High: 70 Low: 45

SUNDAY

Showers

High: 67 Low: 44

MONDAY

Showers

High: 65Low: 41

TUESDAY

Showers

High: 66 Low: 37

WEDNESDAY

Showers

High: 59 Low: 39

Information taken from www.weather.com

Info-To-Go

Campus Bulletin Board Mansfield University

-The new spring edition of the Careers for College Graduates booklet has been placed on the Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission web site. To access the new edition, log on to the web site at www.scsc.state.pa.us. Under the Job Information heading select College Graduates. The booklet is available in both pdf and text formats. This booklet is designed to assist students to discover the types of job opportunities available with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It provides job titles for which a student may qualify based on the degree they will have earned.

- Mansfield University's Campus Ministries is trying to raise $5,000 by May 2 for Project Heifer. The goal of Project Heifer is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. They hope to provide an ark full of animals to help promote self-reliance around the world.

- Students are now able to do teacher evaluations online up until May 2 at noon. Evaluations can be found online at http://evals.mansfield.edu.

Police Beat

November 12, 2007 -
Ronnie Montgomery, 23, Solomon Isom, 21, Howard Jones, 23 and Issac Wise, 19 have been charged after alledgedly committing offenses during fraternity pledging.

Entertainment Corner



Top Digital Singles: Courtesy of billboard.com

1.) **Leona Lewis** - Bleeding Love
2.) **Madonna Ft. Justin Timberlake** - 4 Minutes
3.) **Lil Wayne Ft. Static Major** - Lollipop
4.) **Jordin Sparks duet with Chris Brown** - No Air
5.) **Ray J & Yung Berg** - Sexy Can I



Top Movies: Courtesy of imdb.com

1.) **The Forbidden Kingdom** - PG-13, Jet Li
2.) **Forgetting Sarah Marshall** - R, Jason Segal
3.) **Prom Night** - PG-13, Brittany Snow
4.) **88 Minutes** - R, Al Pacino
5.) **Nim's Island** - PG, Abigail Breslin



'NURSING'

The challenge helped us become more confident in the knowledge we gained here at Mansfield," Singh said. "It made us feel like we will be able to pass the boards and that our Mansfield education was a notch above the rest."

While the Mansfield team attributed much of their success to the teaching of the professors in the nursing program at the Robert Packer Department of Health Science and Physical Activities, Mary McEwan was cited as having the most impact.

"We told her this win was a retirement present, since this will be her last year at MU," Singh said.

McEwan teaches the N-CLEX-RN review course and has been working with Mansfield University since 1993.

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Tom McMillen to be 2008 commencement speaker

Tom McMillen, a favorite son of Mansfield, will return home to be the speaker at Mansfield University's 143rd Commencement on Saturday, May 10, at 11 a.m. at Karl Van Norman Field.

"Tom McMillen is a leader in the truest sense of the word," Mansfield University President Maravene Loeschke said in making the announcement. "With his vast experience and hometown roots, I'm confident that our graduates and their families will be very interested in what he has to say. We are honored to have him speak at our commencement."

McMillen has had a diversified and successful career in the fields of sports, business and politics. He served in the U.S. House of Representatives from the Fourth Congressional District of Maryland from 1987 to 1993. He was named by President Bill Clinton to co-chair the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports in 1993, serving until December 1997. McMillen actually began his involvement with the Council in 1970 when he was selected by President Richard Nixon to become the youngest member of the Council while still a student at the University of Maryland.

A graduate of Mansfield High School, he led the basketball team to a state championship in 1969. While attending the University of Maryland, he was a three-time All-American in basketball, an academic All-American and a member of the 1972 Olympic Team. He was valedictorian of his graduating class at Maryland and is the only University of Maryland student to be named a Rhodes Scholar. He received a Master of Arts in politics, philosophy and economics from Oxford University in 1978.

In the 1974 NBA draft, McMillen was selected in the first round by the Buffalo Braves. He played 11 seasons in the NBA before retiring to run for Congress.

In Congress, McMillen served on the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee, the Energy and Commerce Committee and the Science, Space and Technology Committee. He was unanimously elected president of the Democratic freshman class of the 100th Congress.

In 1992, McMillen co-authored Out of Bounds: How the American Sport Establishment Is Being Driven by Greed Hypocrisy-And What Needs to Be Done About It with Paul Coggins.

From 1991-2003, he served on the Knight Foundation's Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics investigating abuses within college sports.

In 2003, McMillen founded and served as chief executive officer of GlobalSecure Corp., a consolidator of first responder companies.

During his career, McMillen has been an active investor, principal and board member in companies in a number of industries, including cellular telephone, paging, health care, motorcycle, environmental technology, real estate and insurance.

Currently, McMillen serves as vice-chairman of Fortress International Group, CEO/ President of Homeland Security Capital Corp, and as Chairman of Washington Capital Advisors, LLC. He is also chairman and co-chief executive officer of Secure America Acquisition Corp, a homeland security special purpose acquisition corporation.

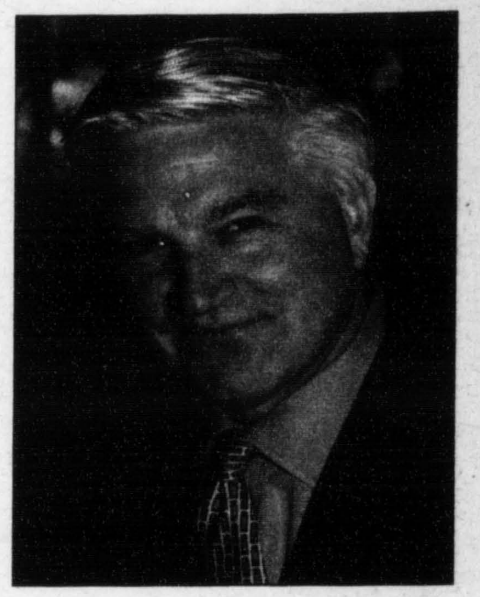


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Tom McMillen will be the 2008 commencement speaker. He has had a successful career in the fields of sports, business and politics.

McMillen serves as a member of the University of Maryland System Board of Regents (BOR), a member of the Board of Visitors of the University of Maryland College Park School of Public Affairs, the newly-formed BOR Workgroup on Campus Safety and Security and as a member of the executive board of the University of Maryland College Park Center for American Politics and Citizenship. McMillen is also chair of the University of Oxford U.S. Sports Campaign Committee.

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Let's talk about sex, baby!

By DEBRA MARBAKER
Flashlight Writer

The Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA) hosted a discussion titled "Let's Talk About Sex, Baby!" on April 14 in 307 Alumni Hall Student Center.

FMLA held this discussion to "educate the public about sex, bust sexual myths and promote safer sex," Liz Crull, president of FMLA said.

Students participated in a team Jeopardy game with sex-related questions. FMLA used the game to see how much the students already knew about sex. Elizabeth Shaffer, head of the Women's Center at Mansfield University, elaborated on the Jeopardy questions. She also answered anonymous questions from students. A question was asked by a student about sexual positioning and what was 'best'. "Sexual positions are like a new jungle gym. You find all sorts of ways to play," Shaffer said.

The first student who chose a question worth the 500 maximum points had to put a condom on a banana.

Kelci Rote is a sophomore art education major and member of FMLA. "Both men and women should be able to properly put on a condom. We want to promote safe sex, so we're willing to teach anyone who wants to know," Rote said.

Members of FMLA were happy about the number of students who attended. They were also happy about getting out the information they wanted to share.

Katie Sanders is a sophomore history major at Mansfield University and member of FMLA. "I was surprised at the amount of knowledge people already had about sex. Now they have more," Sanders said.

The discussion was FMLA's first event. They are a new organization on campus, having begun last semester. "We hope that "Let's Talk About Sex, Baby!" can become an annual event for us, " Crull said.

FMLA made special T-shirts for the evening to support the first anniversary of the shooting at Virginia Tech. They made treats for the students that attended the discussion. Among the treats were a penis cake, boob cakes and cupcakes. They made fruit punches that they called "Sex on the Beach" and "Feisty Feminist".

FMLA welcomes any member of the student body to join their organization. They have meetings every Wednesday at 3 p.m. at Jazzman's Café in the Alumni Hall Student Center.

URINETOWN: Flowing to a theater near you

"The show is called Urinetown? Is that really the title, because that's awful?" That has been the response of more than a few people since this show opened on Broadway in 2001. Well, the title may be bad (in fact, the characters in the show say the same thing), but you will not want to miss this musical at the Arcadia Theatre starting May 1.

"URINETOWN: the Musical is not your typical musical," director Peter Davis said. "Peeing, love at first sight, kidnapping, and rebellion are seamlessly interwoven into non-stop comedic madness, complete with puns, parodies, sight gags and a few jokes that poke fun at the show itself. URINETOWN is a place where people have to pay to … well, you get the idea.

The corrupt rich rule with empty bladders while the poor get poorer with every trip to the toilet, and the troubled masses aren't going to stand (or sit) for this kind of injustice any longer."

A 20 year water shortage has led to a government-enforced ban on private toilets. Citizens must use public amenities to take care of their private business. When the monopolizing corporation that owns the public toilets raises the fees, one man leads a revolt so the people can pee for free.

Inspired by the works of legendary dramatists Bertolt Brecht and Kurt Weill, and the public toilets used in Europe, URINETOWN is satire at its best. In fact, it is a satire of many things that are all too relevant today (natural resource shortages, money-grubbing corporations, people rebelling in the streets). There is even a satiric nod to Urinetown's own genre: musical theatre. Many famous musicals, such as West Side Story, Chicago and Les Miserables are saluted in the show's musical numbers.

URINETOWN features score by Mark Hollman and Greg Kotis and is the winner of four Tony Awards, including Best Book and Best Score. "Audiences should not let the title fool them. The show is not an indulgence of potty humor. Rather, it is a light and witty look at how greed and corruption on the highest level impacts us all. Most of all, URINETOWN is a hilarious evening indulging in making fun of itself." the authors said.



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URINETOWN the Musical will be performed by Mansfield University students at the Arcadia Theatre on May 1, 2 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. and May 4 at 2:30 p.m.

URINETOWN also pays tribute to 19th century British political economist Thomas Malthus who believed that life would be rendered non sustainable if the population continued to grow and resources continued to diminish. "At the end of the show, the entire cast triumphantly asserts, "Hail Malthus!' - the authors' way of reminding us we need to stop thinking only of today and start thinking of our tomorrows too," Davis said.

The cast of 21 is made up of Mansfield University students.

The Arcadia Theatre will present URINETOWN: the Musical, May 1, 2, and 3 at 7:30 p.m. and May 4 at 2:30 p.m. Adults are $9 and students are $6. There is a special for Mansfield University students on May 1 – just $2 per ticket with college ID.

Reservations can be made by calling the theatre box office at 570-724-9371.

You are guaranteed to laugh out loud and maybe so much so that you will … well you know.

Campus Events Calendar

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
April 24 - 3 - 7 p.m. - X-treme Air - Vocal Jazz Festival	25 - Instrumental Jazz Concert	26 - 7:30 p.m. - Concert Choir Home Tour Concert with Williamson High School Chorus	27 - 3 p.m. - Symphonic Band Concert	28	29 - 8 p.m. - Guitar Ensemble Concert	30
May 1	2	3	4	5 - Final Exams	6 - Final Exams	7 - Final Exams

What in the World?

News in a flash by Becca

Children from polygamist sect are moved during hearings

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

On Tuesday, four hundred thirty seven children belonging to the polygamist sect were being put into foster homes.

They are being moved while the DNA testing of the ranch residents are taking place.

A judge ordered last week that the residents take DNA tests to determine family lines, because many of the children were unable to describe their relatives. Family relationships are tangled within the sect. Children refer to all of the men as "uncles" and multiple mothers live in the same household.

The children were removed from a Texas compound ranch during a raid on April 3 and were relocated to the San Angelo Coliseum.

State District Judge Barbara Walther signed an order Tuesday, allowing Child Protective service officials to move the children into temporary foster care until custody hearings can be held. Officials will be trying to keep siblings together when possible.

David Williams is a former member of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. He came to the Coliseum to take his sons back. "I have been an honorable American and father and I have carefully sheltered my children from the sins of this generation," Williams said. He had only heard that his three sons were in custody from a friend, because he doesn't pay attention to the news.

Lab technicians, hired by the state, collected samples from the children at the San Angelo Coliseum on Monday and on Tuesday set out to get samples from the possible parents.

Authorities need to figure out family lineage before they begin custody hearings. The hearings will determine which children may have been abused and will have to be removed entirely from the sect compound.

"No one is trying to deceive anyone. It's not sinister," FLDS attorney, Rod Parker said. "Because many of the sect's marriages are not legal, adults and their children may legally have one name, but use another within the community."

All 437 children will be tested as well as hundreds of adults. The count of children was originally 416, but authorities later found out that many of the women claiming to be adults were younger than 18. Each person will be photographed and the inside of their cheek will be swabbed to analyze cells.

The children will be in temporary foster care until the hearings are completed in June.

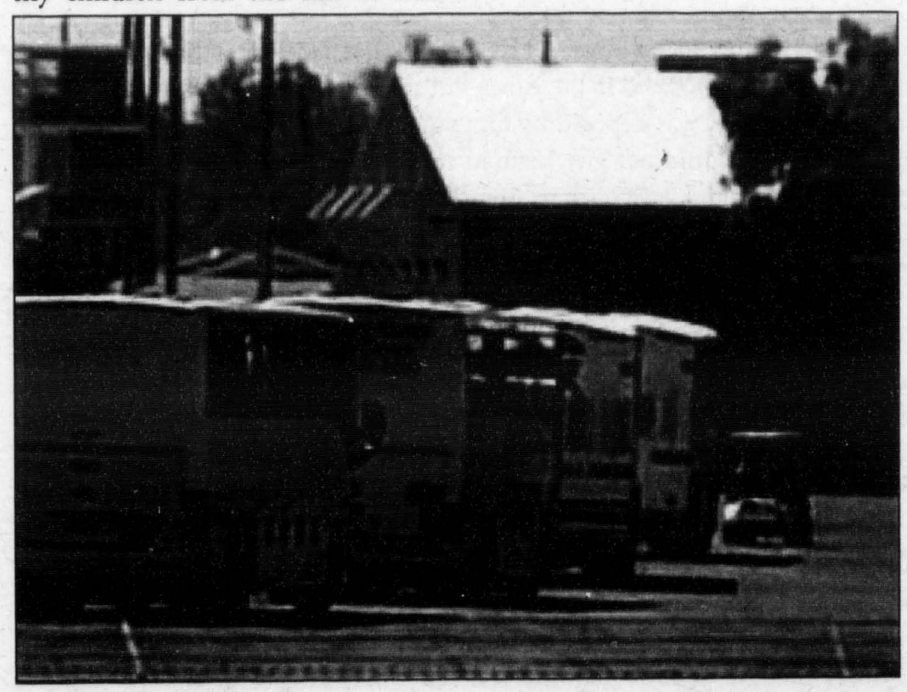


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These buses will take the children to foster homes while they wait for the custodial hearings to take place.

'MISO'

"We as international students are exploring the world," Reich said. "The idea was that ancient travelers like Christopher Columbus, Marco Polo and Vasco da Gama, traveled the world without knowing what to expect and this is what we're doing."

The festival ended when the graduating members of MISO, Lynne Leskovec and Bijan Manavizadeh, were honored with sashes and a new scholarship was introduced.

Manavizadeh traveled from Washington D.C. to be present at his final festival.

"I wouldn't have missed it for the world," Manavizadeh said.

The other two seniors missing were Yasmine Fofana and Melissa Cromwell.

The Janice Kennedy and Annie Cooper International Student Scholarship Fund was established in honor of the former and current MISO advisors. In order to become endowed, the scholarship fund will need to raise $10,000 in the next five years. The fund will aid international Mansfield University students in the future.

Kennedy began her involvement with MISO in 1989 as the International Student Advisor and the Director of the Academic Advising Center.

"The first time we had it [the festival], I arranged it in a small room. I knew if we had it in a small room and it was packed it would be a success," Kennedy said.

Dr. K. Sue Young, a communication professor, was complimentary of the festival and of Reich's leadership.

"This is one of the most efficiently run MISO events I've been to," Young said. "Maria Reich was responsible for a new system that led to a wonderfully enjoyable evening."

Some of the changes at this year's MISO dinner included a different system of entry that allowed reservations to be made for families with small children and the addition of an extra buffet line.





PHOTOS BY MIKE LENGEL
MISO students presented food from different countries along with entertainment.

Dr. William Keeth to participate in Andean worlds project

By JAMIE CURTIS
Flashlight Writer

Dr. William Keeth, a Spanish professor at Mansfield University, was selected to participate in the Andean worlds project in Peru from June 29- July 26.

Keeth and 24 other people from the United States have been accepted into the program, which will include the study of ancient and contemporary Andean culture. The cost of the trip is about $4,000 per person.

Keeth and the other accepted applicants will have a chance to visit sites such as the Valley of the Pyramids, the Royal Tombs of Sipan, San Jose de Moro, Huacas del Sol, Chan-Chan, Pisac, Ollantaytambo, Machu Picchu, Sacsayhuaman, sites in Cusco and the Coricancha.

"I have been interested in Andean culture since studying for my masters," Keeth said. Keeth found out about the Andean worlds project when his department chair sent an e-mail. The project includes eight required readings for background information before Keeth leaves for Peru.

People participating in the project will be working in close contact with scholars such as Sara Castro-Klarén, Chris Donnan, Richard Burger, Regina Harrison, Susan de France, Frank Saloman, Jeffrey Quilter and Michael Moseley. The scholars will be giving a series of educational seminars.

"The field work is what I am really looking forward to," Keeth said. "I get the chance to meet and network with scholars in the field who have different points of view. We will be working together on a more informal level. I like to think of the idea as a sink tank...a bunch of people with similar interests and different expertise are getting together to discuss a topic and solve a problem."

The Andean worlds project is a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute for college and university teachers. The program is sponsored by the Community College Humanities Association, which aims to strengthen the nation's community colleges and their humanities programs.

"One of the most important parts of this project is the fact that Andean culture and traditions still exist, despite living in the modern world," Keeth said. "How do they keep surviving? I am planning to take the information that I gain from this trip and incorporate it into my teaching. Traveling to a new place and meeting new people can be nerve wracking. I wonder if I will be able to keep up. I am getting prepared. But everything is more about expectations and anticipation right now. I will not know much until I come back."

For more information on the Andean worlds project go to http://www.ccha-assoc.org/andeanworld08/

horoscopes

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ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

People are moving slowly today and that means you've got to make up for it -- but only just a little. If you push things too far, that means you'll have to wait for others to catch up later on.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22

You can't decide between two people or options that seem about evenly matched, but eventually you are going to need to step up and make the call. Let your intuition guide the way this time.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

No matter what you're doing today, try to make sure that you're fully committed to it. Things are getting more interesting and you should be able to take advantage of the new momentum.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Turn inward a bit and figure out what you're really hoping for -- you may surprise yourself quite a bit! There's no need to take action today unless something is literally on fire, so relax.

TAURUS
APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Your intense nature is focused like a laser beam on something or someone -- and it might not be healthy for you! Whether or not it's working out, this phase shouldn't last for much longer.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Issues are more complex than they appear on the surface and that could mean that you've got to push through ordinary conversations to get at the reality. People may not like it, but it has to be done!

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

You are pulsing with positive energy and your intensity may intimidate some people -- but fascinate them at the same time. If you need anything, now is the time to go looking for it.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

You are pretty intently focused on your job or school, or maybe some community project that you find absorbing. It's a good time to build up new connections and make big plans for the future.

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 21

It's a good day to take care of the basics, like car maintenance and household cleaning. Your energy is more focused on the mundane than the fun or far-flung, so take advantage of it while it lasts!

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

It's the factors that aren't immediately obvious that you need to understand today -- though that is of course easier said than done. Take all the time you need and check in with multiple sources of information.

SAGITTARIUS
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Pay closer attention to the little signs and portents that you ordinarily dismiss as coincidence. They may add up to something big and bold--maybe a new direction for your short-term future.

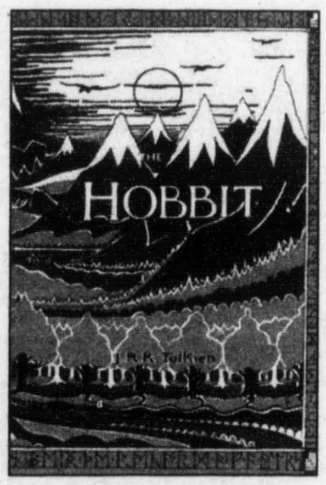
PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

You may not be feeling as sharp as usual, no matter how much coffee you drink. It's a good day to relax and enjoy friends and family, but if you have to tackle paperwork, you may need to get support.

The Book Nook: The Hobbit

By KAY BARRETT
Flashlight Writer

Originally published in 1937, J.R.R. Tolkien's The Hobbit depicts the adventures of the first Baggins to leave the peaceful Shire.



GOOGLE IMAGES
Check out Tolkien's The Hobbit

Bilbo Baggins is just a regular hobbit; hairy feet, short in stature, and living a peaceful life in the Shire, that is until he is pushed into an unexpected adventure with a wizard named Gandalf.

Bilbo soon finds himself venturing through Middle Earth in an effort to reclaim guarded treasure. On his way he encounters giant spiders, orcs, dwarves, elves and a dragon.

Through his journey Bilbo has his first encounter with the creature Gollum. Bilbo is then forced to solve riddles and brainteasers in order to pass through a darkened cave. Bilbo also gains the power of Gollum's "precious" which becomes quite handy in his future ventures.

To find out more about Bilbo's many adventures in Middle Earth, check out J.R.R. Tolkien's The Hobbit.

This day in history:

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According to tradition, on April 21, 753 B.C., Romulus and his twin brother, Remus, found Rome on the site where they were suckled by a she-wolf as orphaned infants. Actually, the Romulus and Remus myth originated sometime in the fourth century B.C., and the exact date of Rome's founding was set by the Roman scholar Marcus Terentius Varro in the first century B.C.

According to the legend, Romulus and Remus were the sons of Rhea Silvia, the daughter of King Numitor of Alba Longa. Alba Longa was a mythical city located in the Alban Hills southeast of what would become Rome. Before the birth of the twins, Numitor was deposed by his younger brother Amulius, who forced Rhea to become a vestal virgin so that she would not give birth to rival claimants to his title. However, Rhea was impregnated by the war god Mars and gave birth to Romulus and Remus. Amulius ordered the infants drowned in the Tiber, but they survived and washed ashore at the foot of the Palatine hill, where they were suckled by a she-wolf until they were found by the shepherd Faustulus.

Reared by Faustulus and his wife, the twins later became leaders of a band of young shepherd warriors. After learning their true identity, they attacked Alba Longa, killed the wicked Amulius, and restored their grandfather to the throne. The twins then decided to found a town on the site where they had been saved as infants. They soon became involved in a petty quarrel, however, and Remus was slain by his brother. Romulus then became ruler of the settlement, which was named "Rome" after him.

To populate his town, Romulus offered asylum to fugitives and exiles. Rome lacked women, however, so Romulus invited the neighboring Sabines to a festival and abducted their women. A war then ensued, but the Sabine women intervened to prevent the Sabine men from seizing Rome. A peace treaty was drawn up, and the communities merged under the joint rule of Romulus and the Sabine king, Titus Tatius. Tatius' early death, perhaps perpetrated by Romulus, left the Roman as the sole king again. After a long and successful rule, Romulus died under obscure circumstances.

Be prepared: bathing suit season has arrived

By KIMBERLEE BLOCKER
Flashlight Writer

Summer time is slowly approaching and now is the best time to search for the perfect swim suit. One thing to keep in mind is that not every swim suit seen is the best for every body type. So here is a guide to help all those who might need some guidance to that flattering.

Big Bust:

For those who are heavy up top halter-top bikinis offer support but also provide a little cleavage as well. When looking for the right halter top, try the tops that tie in the back and around the neck. This will provide support. One thing to avoid when dealing with more on the top is buy a swim suit that is strapless or one with little to no coverage. Not only will this make your bust look bigger, but it will not provide enough support for your on beach fun.

Wide Shoulders:

Balance is very important for this body shape. Bikini bottoms with lots of color and prints or bottoms that accentuate hips with ties, belts and sashes are perfect! Wider shoulder straps or square necklines will work very well to minimize the broadness of shoulders. Plunging necklines or tiny show all bikini bottoms are not the way to go when shopping for this body type.

Short Legs or Torso:

If you have short legs or a short torso avoid any type of boy shorts or skirted bikini bottoms, these bottoms will only draw attention to your lower half and make you look that much shorter. Instead try a swim suit that cuts high on the thigh to give your legs the appearance of making your legs look longer. A one-piece swimsuit with a plunging neckline will give the torso a longer look.

Long Torso:

Go for swimwear that has lots of embellishment at the bust line and hips. Look for stripes that are horizontal or try fabrics such as terry cloth or velvet. Unlike women with short torsos boys shorts are perfect for your shape. Vertical stripes are the wrong way to go! They will only make your torso look that much longer. Also avoid high necklines and dark solid colors.

No Waist:

Do not look for swimwear that is solid in color or horizontally striped one-pieces. As an alternative look for one piece swimsuits with a belted waistline to give the appearance of curves. Bikinis are good for this shape as well. To give more of an illusion of hips: try ruffles, rings or bows on your bottoms. If you are small up top, try a strapless bandeau.

Small Bust:

One of the luckiest of shapes when it comes to swimwear! Not only do you not have to worry about support, but your upper half can be more revealing. Do not go for bikini tops that have too much fabric or fit poorly. Try tiny tri-tops and strapless tops. Definitely aim for separates and bright colors such as pink.



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Tankinis are a nice alternative to one pieces for people with a little more tummy.

Plus Sized:

Dark, cool colors, swirling, or V patterns or strategically placed cut-outs, or deep V necklines can do wonders to your swimwear image. Stay away from neon colors, whites and or nappy fabrics. These will only give you a heavier image. Also, too much fabric or covering yourself up entirely too much will only add on the pounds.

Too Much Tummy:

Never ever wear bikinis that are teeny tiny or solid colored one-pieces. These types of suits will only make your tummy look bigger. Try tankini swimsuits. They cover just enough of your tummy, but they will still give freedom and a fashionable factor. If you do feel more comfortable with a one-piece drape a cover up around your waist to help conceal your tummy.

Pear Shaped:

You do not want to draw attention to your bottom half so wear eye-catching and pretty decorative bikini tops. Your bottoms should sit on your hips and should be a darker shade than the top. Keep the bottom half of your swimwear simple. Do not wear bottoms with a lot of print and avoid boy shorts as well. Boy shorts will only draw attention and emphasis your bottom.

Full Bottom:

Skimpy bottoms, ruffles and details around the hips are not flattering for this body shape. Instead wear mini-skirted bikinis bottoms or a smooth, skimming skirt that is short but also covers enough of your bottom that needs to be covered. Also try a moderate, bikini bottom that is three inches on the side at least. It will give you a very simple but cute look.

Athletic Shape:

One thing is certain for those with an athletic build, show off your toned arms and shoulders with halter bikinis. Flirty printed swimwear is the best for those with a boyish figure to try and femme up your look a little bit. Details such as bows or ties on the sides of swimsuits will give the appearance of a curvy figure. Swimsuits that do not have support or create shape are not the swimwear to purchase, avoid any swimwear without prints and detail.

Hourglass Figure:

There is a lot of balance in your shape and you're lucky because almost any classical styled bathing suit will flatter your shape. Tiny designer bikinis look good on this shape and should be considered if you want to turn a few heads while on the beach or pool side this morning.

This guide should be helpful to all ladies in search of the right bathing suit. Make sure that no only does the suit fit you but it is also comfortable. The most important thing about clothing is comfort. Make wise decisions and have fun with swimwear!

Grand Canyon: How old is it?

By JILL KAUFFMAN
Flashlight Writer

One of the nation's oldest landmarks, the Grand Canyon, may be older than people thought. One study shows that the Grand Canyon may have started to form approximately 16 to 17 million years ago.

Originally, scientists believed the canyon formed about six million years ago. A recent study shows this may not be the case. This study suggests that canyon began forming about 17 million years ago. Scientists tested 10 spots in the Grand Canyon using a method called uranium-lead isotope testing. This dates the minerals in the canyon. This shows that the erosion rates were slower on the western side than the eastern side. Victor Polyak helped conduct this research. "There have been a lot of theories over the past 100 years and we didn't expect the canyon history to go back so far," Polyak said. This research suggested the canyon is older than thought.

However, a new study suggests the canyon is even older. According to msnbc.com, "Contrary to this previous theory, the new thinking, detailed in the May issue of the Geological Society of America Bulletin, indicates that the canyon, or at least a prototype of it, actually formed about 55 million years ago — and possibly sooner — in younger rock layers that lay above the ones the canyon is cut into today." Researchers studied the rocks in the canyon and surrounding plateaus.

The date of certain sediment tells when the grain was last underground. World-science.net states, "An abundance of the elements, paired with temperature information from Earth's interior, offered a sort of clock to calculate when the apatite grains were embedded in rock a mile deep the canyon's approximate depth today and when they cooled as they neared the surface as a result of erosion."

Brian Wernicke is a geologist who took part in the new research. "Because both canyon and plateau samples resided at nearly the same depth beneath the Earth's surface 55 million years ago, a canyon of about the same dimensions of today may have existed at least that far back," Wernicke said.

Rebecca Flowers is a geologist who participated in the study. "If you stand on the rim of the Grand Canyon today, the bottom of the ancestral canyon would have sat over your head, incised into rocks that have since been eroded away," Flowers said.

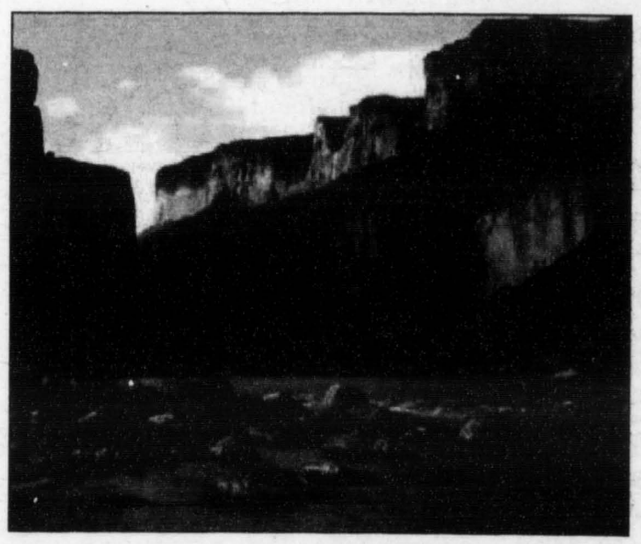


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Arizona's Grand Canyon is presenting scientists with more questions than answers.

Mansfield University students organize Slide into Spring PRC event

The Nonnie Hood Parent and Family Resource Center hosted its first Slide into Spring event Saturday April 12 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Parent Resource Center (PRC). The event was organized by a Mansfield University Public Relations class. The event provided local families a morning to enjoy games, prizes, and food.

Children and their parents participated in a variety of activities during the event. Kids competed in different games such as basketball toss, duck hunt, relay race, and dancing. By participating in games all the kids received different prizes for all age groups. The kids also got their faces painted and received their favorite balloon animals.

"The kids were excited to have their face painted and get balloon animals," Mansfield University Public Relations workshop student Andrew Taylor said. "It was great when one child asked for a snake; I wasn't quite sure what to do with the balloon."

After all the games, children and their parent/guardians enjoyed snacking on sandwiches donated by Wegmans, and pizza donated by Southside Pudgies. Parents also had the opportunity to receive raffle prizes from local Corning area restaurants, movie theatres, clothing stores and coffee shops. "It was nice to see a smile on my granddaughters face. She really enjoyed herself," Richard Townsend said.

During regular PRC business hours parents and their families can participate in a variety of activities. There is a play space for children, a lending library, parent education classes and a recently added family visitation program. There are many events that the PRC holds to help families and to raise money toward the organization. Some of the events include: Kids Night In, a Dad's Night Out, Ladies Night Out, Movie Night and much more. The PRC also holds birthday parties or other special events on Saturday during their closed hours.

The Nonnie Hood Parent and Family Resource center opened their doors in 1988. The Nonnie Hood Parent & Family Resource Center, Inc. is dedicated to building healthy families by providing child development information and resources in a supportive, family-centered community. It is our vision that each child reaches his or her own potential in a community of families, fostered by our welcoming, supporting and educating values.

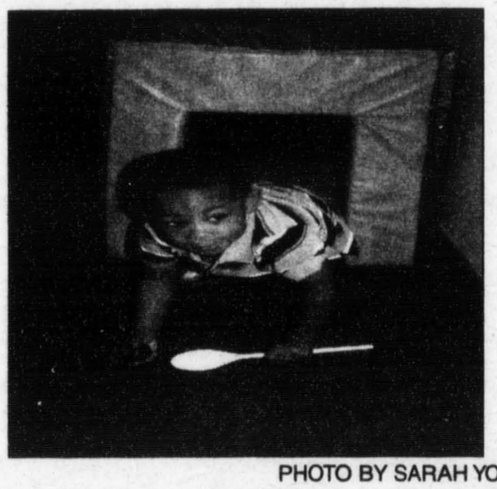


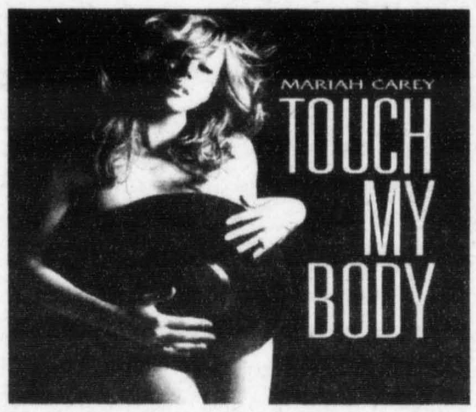
PHOTO BY SARAH YOUNG

Children enjoyed many activities such as duck hunt, dancing and basketball while attending Slide into Spring.

Entertainment Review: Mariah Carey's E=MC²

By IAN JARRELL
Special to the Flashlight

Ms. Carey has not let us loyal fans down. E=MC² is another classic album from one of the world's favorite divas. Mariah shows us her amazing range; make that her five octave incredible range. This woman has made countless hits, and this album is filled with a couple more potential chart toppers. Carey has always kept to her true self. She gives her fans what they love, the ballads!



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Mariah Carey's single "Touch My Body" is her 18th number one single.

Mariah Carey is one of those singers. When she belts it out, it seem so effortless. With this album it really seems like she went into the studio for a week. This album has its flaws, but overall it's pretty great. But really what do you expect from Mariah? The first single from E=MC² was "Touch My Body", which gave Carey her 18th number-one single. This woman doesn't stop to amaze me. I thought she would never have a big hit since "We Belong Together", which was hugely successful. "Touch My Body" is one of those catchy songs that Mariah always makes her first singles. The song just reels you in. I couldn't help but love it when I first heard it. Mariah Carey's songs really never have to grow on me, like other artists today.

The second single is "Bye Bye". The song was produced by Stargate and Mariah. The song was written by Mariah & Johnta Austin. This song is very touching and also lyrically great. Carey is very good at delivering emotion in her writing. However, she can't show that same emotion while she performs. The song is about losing a loved one. It will probably be her 19th number one.

Another stand-out track is "Thanx 4 Nothin". This is one of the many songs produced by Jermaine Dupri. They have an incredible chemistry in the studio. You can really tell that they listen to one another. "Thanx 4 Nothin" is another one of those female break-up anthems. I think anyone can relate to this track, because everyone has had a deadbeat lover.

"I'm That Chick" is another female anthem; every girl should listen to this before they hit the club. The song really gets you in the mood to party. I am so glad they didn't decided to use this as the album title, like they originally planned. It's a cute song, but so not album title worthy.

I am a huge fan of Mariah Carey's ballads, but not so much drawn to her up-tempos. She has some cute and catchy up-tempos on this album, but I am just not a huge fan. I love the songs that almost bring a tear to your eye, or make you think of past love.

Mariah has really come out to show young artists that she isn't going anywhere. I hope she proves that albums are still selling these days. I love this album, it's just so relatable. Personally, I don't believe that she topped Emancipation of Mimi. I do feel that she has delivered a great album and those loyal fans will be pleased. Mariah Carey's E=MC² receives 4.5 out of 5 stars.

Favorite Tracks:
Touch My Body
Thanx 4 Nothin
I Wish You Well
For The Record
I Stay In Love

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Sisterhood of Sophia spreads a little love

By KAY BARRETT
Flashlight Writer

Last Tuesday, a campus organization did its best to change perceptions and spread a little love.

On Tuesday, April 15 Mansfield University's Sisterhood of Sophia held "Hug a Feminist" outside of the Alumni Hall Student Center where members gave hugs to passersby in hope of spreading an important message.

Sisterhood of Sophia is a new organization on campus that started last spring and has fourteen current members.

Meghan Olney, Sisterhood of Sophia president, says the organization was created with a goal in mind.

"Our goal is just to inform people about women's issues," Olney said. "At our meeting we talk about current and international women's issues."

One of the women's issue the group has recently targeted is changing people's perception of a feminist. Olney says that through events, like "Hug a Feminist," the organization is working hard to change people's views of feminist.

"The perception is that we hate men, but we [Sisterhood of Sophia members] all have boyfriends. People think that we hate kids or that we are cold, but that's not true," Olney said. "People see us and they think 'Oh, you guys are feminists?' because we don't fit into that stereotype."

"Hug a Feminist" went over well according to Olney, despite some people's attitudes.

"A lot of people were all for it. All the guys came up and were so happy to get hugs from us. Of course, there were some people who were hesitant, but there was only one person who was really rude to us," Olney said.

Sisterhood of Sophia certainly didn't discriminate. According to Olney anyone and everyone was given hugs.

"We hugged everyone. We hugged the Manser staff, the Jazzman's staff, the library staff...we even hugged the Provost!" Olney said.



PHOTO BY MEGHAN OLNEY

The members of Sisterhood of Sophia gave out free hugs in front of Alumni Hall in order to change people's perceptions of a feminist.

Olney says Sisterhood of Sophia intends to make "Hug a Feminist" an ongoing event.

"It was a success and we plan on holding it once a semester," Olney said.

Although changing the perception of what is a feminist was one of the reasons for the event, Olney says that there was another idea in mind as well.

"We just wanted to brighten people's day. To give them hug and have them say that they hugged a feminist or that they know a feminist," Olney said.

Like what you see? Have any suggestions to make the Flashlight better?

Sound Off!

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Celebrate National Pigs in a Blanket Day

April 24 is National Pigs in a Blanket Day. Celebrate this festive occasion by making your own.

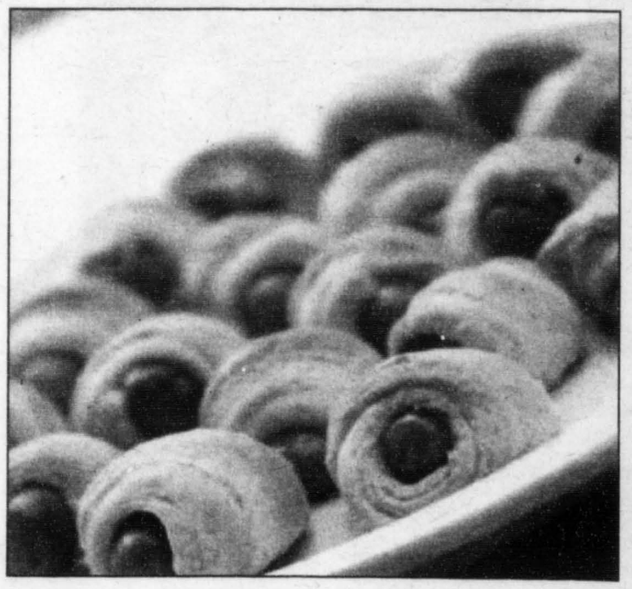


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Recipe courtesy of allrecipes.com

INGREDIENTS
8 frankfurters
8 slices American processed cheese
1 (10 ounce) package refrigerated biscuit dough

DIRECTIONS
Preheat oven to 350-degrees F (175 degrees C).
Wrap cheese around each frankfurter then the biscuit around that. Put on cookie sheet with the overlap of biscuit faced down, so you don't have to use tooth picks.
Bake in preheated oven until biscuits are brown, about 10 to 15 minutes.

Stress Aware

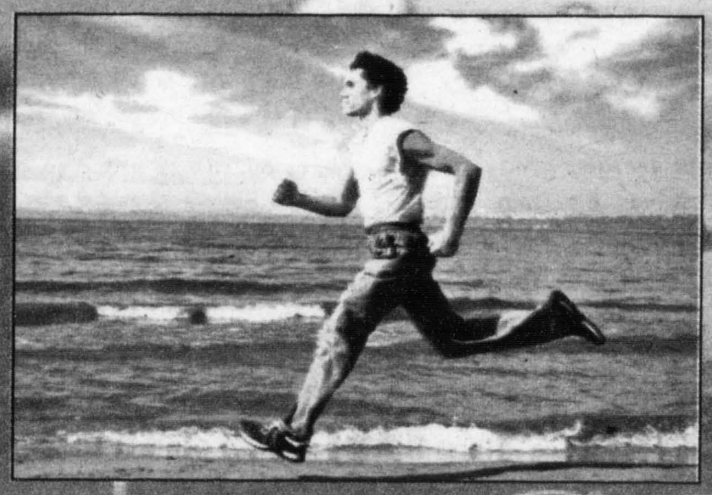
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Exercise will allow you to not only relieve stress but also burn calories. Highly physical activities such as running allow you to relieve frustration. On the other hand, calming activities such as yoga allow you to relax and think peacefully. So hit the gym, make time for a game of baseball or just run a few laps with friends.



Vent Sessions



Talking with a friend or relative can alleviate stress and pent up frustration. Venting can allow you to complain about anything and everything. Finally getting out worries and problems can often make them seem more approachable and can feel like a weight off your shoulders.

Have a Laugh

It's cliche but laughter is the best medicine. Humor can break tension and relieve pent up frustration. Take in a comedy movie, hang out with a pal who makes you laugh or check out Comedy Central for the latest stand up comedians. A fit of the giggles can make you forget exams, homework and all the other little annoyances in your life.

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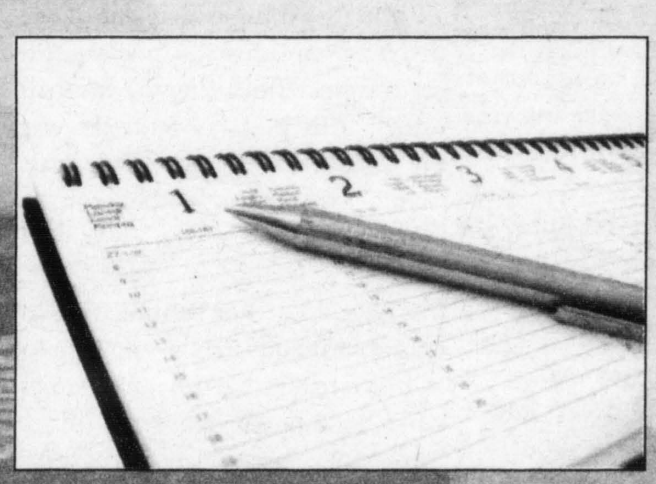
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Just Say No

Don't feel bad about saying no to people if you cannot handle any more work. Doing other people favors may only hurt you in the long run because you will not be able to finish your own work. Having too much on your plate will cause you more stress than it's worth.

Make a Plan

Creating a schedule will help you manage your time. Keeping a daily planner will allow you to manage your time, classes and activities. Breaking your day down into sections may help you feel less overwhelmed about your work and will give you a plan of action. It will also create a time frame for finishing your tasks. Putting things off to the last minute will only create more stress, so try to plan ahead of time.



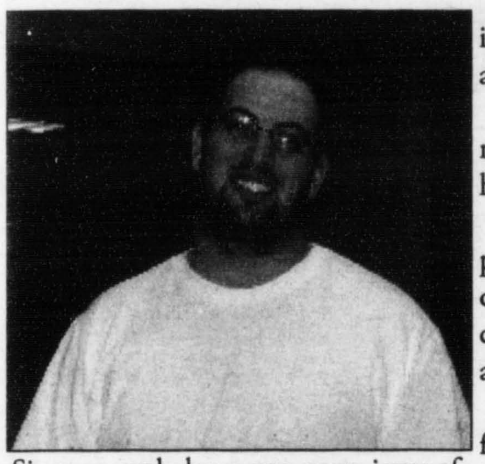
Unclutter your Life

A clean, uncluttered work space will help you concentrate. The disorganization around you may create more stress. If you are going to study or write a paper, try to find a clean, well lit area that allows you to focus on your task and not the area around you. Have a messy roommate? Try going to a friend's room or the library.

Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

Reflecting back on my time at Mansfield



Since we only have one more issue after this week, I'm going take this time to reflect back on my past four years at Mansfield.

To start with, I can remember the day I came here for my first pre-season football camp as a freshman like it was yesterday. As any college freshman usually is, I was nervous about fitting in, doing well in classes and all the things freshman worry about.

That first year was a great learning experience. Making new friends and adjusting to college life.

I enjoyed the adjustment and most of the time I enjoyed being here at Mansfield.

Now that three more years have passed I realize I am a completely different person than when I first came to Mansfield and Mansfield is also a different place to me.

The first thing is that out of the first 75 friends I made, two are still on campus. This being the football team. This past fall semester was the strangest things I've ever dealt with. I've played football for 14 years, ever since I was eight and then all of a sudden it was gone, like that. I'm not writing this to blame anybody right now, but it just proves that no one knows what is going to happen. Things can change so fast. You have to try and have fun with life even when it doesn't look like there is any fun to have.

Despite not having any football this year, I don't think I regret my decision to stay at Mansfield. I have done a lot of things this year that I wasn't able to do before and I have enjoyed that. I have also made a lot of new friends and I wouldn't change that aspect of it for anything.

When I first came to college I thought I knew what I wanted to do, but I ended up doing something completely different. I didn't realize it when I first came here, but college is really about finding yourself as a person and trying new things. Sometimes you're not going to like everything, but that's the beauty of it. Find something you like and make the most of your time here.

What do YOU think?

Tell us your thoughts on The Flashlight! What would you like to see?

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I would like to bring attention to a concern that is on many people's hearts, and that is within many people's frustrations. This letter is concerning the campus police. I do not aim to rant vile adjectives at the men who complete the force, but I do aim to show the University professionals something very important. Your students do not feel safe, especially your female students.

Each day, tickets are written and placed on the improperly parked cars like clockwork. Yet, we cannot seem to be able to call the station and receive professional help either in a decent amount of time, or even at all. Take notice, I am not trying to degrade the ticket writing. I am simply trying to say we need more than that.

Last Thursday, one of my classes, filled with many female students, started a conversation about the campus police. I heard so many appalling stories, which approached the same evident truth. The female students of Mansfield University do not feel safe. The stories consisted of a young woman being left out in E lot in the rain, calling the campus police for a ride, and them telling her to "wait it out." Another more personal story consisted of a young girl getting out of class at 9:30 pm to find a stabbed tire. When she called the police for help, just guess what the oh so professional on the phone said. She actually said, "We don't do that." You do not help the students, which you essentially are serving in the first place? This girl not only had to wait for her sister and her sister's boyfriend to come help her from the next town over, but she had to wait in the dark, by herself, for over an hour. I am seeing something wrong with this. How about you?

Note, I know the "professional" on the phone is probably an ill trained student, which is completely another issue. I also acknowledge liability issues with the police actually assisting with the tire. So, what is wrong here? This young woman *was not safe*. Let us just add up the predicament here: a young woman, in the dark, with a perceivably stabbed tire. Let me just say, "WOW!" So, what could the police do in this instance? They, for starters, could have given the woman a better response on the phone rather than saying, "We don't do that." A better approach could have been, "Are you okay?" Furthermore, a policeman *should* have stopped his ticket rounds, and *should* have instead come to check on the young woman. This approach is not that difficult, and if it is too hard for the recently employed police, we need to take a new approach about their jobs.

The poor job the police force does on these small occasions makes the University population unsure about the abilities on a larger scale. For instance, the blue lights, which are placed around the campus, incase of an emergency. They are popularly said to be incase of a rape. Because of the slow paced police, the women and men of the campus seem to doubt the ability of the "blue lights" to be efficient. This should not be. We need to be assured that we are safe. Commuters, and especially students who have jobs, must walk up and down campus during late hours. We should be able to call our trained police force and be reassured of our safety when we need it.

The student's faith, and even the professor's faith, in the campus police needs to be reestablished. We must see some change because the greater population of the University has little to no faith in their abilities to instill safety. Also, the students need to start professing their stories and their worries about their safety to the University. We cannot only complain about our issues. We must take a stand, and do something about it.

Nicole Herr

To whom it may concern,

A young women leaving T lot by foot at 1:00 am seems to have no problems in the world. She spots a car with a familiar face and walks over to say hello. Unaware to her this will not be a normal encounter with friendly discussion. Her friend offers to walk with her so that she isn't lonely walking back to her dorm. His behavior changes as soon as he leaves the car however. Unwanted grabbing and suggestions soon become too much and the young women gets scared. She tells the man she's not interested but he doesn't seem to listen as he throws her against a car and begins to force himself on her.

A quick hard blow to the pants and the women is freed temporarily. She sees a blue call box and runs to it as if it is her only hope. She hits the red emergency button and preys someone will come to her rescue. To her surprise the man had chased after her and was already approaching her. She begins to run down toward the dorms but her speed is no match for the man. He knocks her out and drags her into the woods to have his way with her.

After he is done and gone a police car slowly creeps by and stops at the blue call box. The women stumbles out of the woods and explains what happens in tears. The police man explains that she should go to the women's center for concealing and that will help her. She is outraged and goes back to her dorm, never again trusting the help of authority. The rape was never reported and the guilty man was never charged.

These events happen on Mansfield's campus every semester and fail to be reported nearly every time. It is not the victim who is at fault here. The emergency call boxes, fifteen to be exact, around the Mansfield University campus were set up to help protect students from such events. The slow response time, or in some cases no response have lead numerous students to become injured and/or raped. These rapes usually go un reported even when the victim reports them. Something needs to be done to protect the students, but especially the women students of Mansfield University, and I expect the police force to be the one's to do something.

Jessie Szabo

How well do you know...

ACCEPTED

1 What famous comedian has a main role in Accepted?

a. Dane Cook
b. Pablo Fransisco
c. Bill Engvall
d. Lewis Black

2. What is the name of the fictious school the main character creates?

a. Harvard West
b. South Harmon Institute of Technology
c. MIT - the south campus
d. South Rochester Institute of Technology

3. What is the main character's name?

a. Bartleby
b. Othello
c. William
d. Hank

4. Jonah Hill, who plays Sherman Schrader starred in all the following except:

a. Knocked Up
b. Superbad
c. Hot Rod
d. Horton Hears a Who

5. During a hazing stunt for BKE what did Sherman have to dress as?

a. Hamburger
b. taco
c. chicken
d. hot dog

6. The building for the South Harmon Campus was originally used for what?

a. Day Care
b. Psychiatric hospital
c. hotel
d. elementary school

7. Which of these is not a class offered at South Harmon?

a. Business
b. The Art of Sleeping
c. Do Nothing 101
d. Advanced Skepticism

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Talk to Tarreto

Tarreto-

I recently just ended a relationship with a girl after a very short time because she basically got sick of me and started to take advantage of my being a "nice guy". This kind of thing seems to happen a lot. I always end up finding myself attracted to girls who are really great looking but I know they could do better than me. I can be really sarcastic and sometimes mean, but I never mean it in a hurtful way. I just think the kinds of girls I'm attracted to eventually will all want nothing to do with me. But you can't help who you're attracted to. What can a person do?

-Nice Guy

Dear Nice Guy,

You're right, in some ways it is true that we can't help who we end up feeling attracted to or loving. But, in other ways we *can* help it. Attraction is partly a pattern we develop and learn through our life experiences. We make a choice in who to like and then we're either reinforced positively or negatively by how that experience plays out. So, it would seem you're getting a lot of negative reinforcement from a certain type of women but for some reason this hasn't prompted you to try a different type. We can actively choose to get to know someone who we've previously overlooked. It doesn't mean you'll end up likely them, but you never know. If this isn't working out for you then what can you lose?

I do believe that there are some aspects of attraction that are just unexplainable. So, it may be that no matter what you might do, you're always going to find yourself falling for this same type of woman. It sounds like you just need a little more self-confidence really. Did this most previous girlfriend actually say she got sick of you and that is the reason she started treating you poorly? Is it possible you're seeing this situation through a self-deprecating lense? Before even approaching a possible girlfriend you're starting out thinking they will eventually get sick of you! This can be very detrimental to a relationship because often we tend to have self-fulfilling behaviors where, even if the result is negative, we will live up (or down, in your case) to the expectations we have in our heads. How can you expect a girl to like you if you don't even like yourself? You might try just telling yourself you're worth the attention of these attractive girls until you actually believe it. It might sound silly, but it works. When you tell yourself you're an attractive, worthwhile guy, you'll begin to act that way and have more confidence and you'll probably find that you have better luck with the kind of women you're attracted to. Then you might actually begin to really believe you're loveable deep down. Now, I'm not saying that walking outside tomorrow like you're God's gift to women will land you your future wife this week, it will obviously take time. Changing your internal monologue isn't easy. But, don't sell yourself short! You're just as worth someone's time as any other guy. Keeping thinking positive thoughts and women will be attracted to your confidence!

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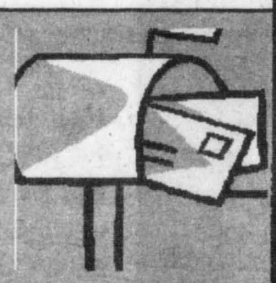


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On the Sidelines with Dave Sanford: On the path to PSAC's

By NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

"I dream of big things. I work for the small things." Even though it was Kevin Costner who said this quote, it still applies to the work ethic of senior track runner Dave Sanford.

Sanford, who transferred to Mansfield in 2006 from Bloomsburg University, has contributed to Mansfield's celebrated 2007-2008 indoor track season. Alongside teammates Chris Cummings, Victor Garcia and Bryan Falcone, Sanford helped the Distance Medley Relay (DMR) team earn a ninth place finish at the NCAA Championships with a time of 10:15.79. The team additionally brought home a first place finish at the PSAC Indoor Championships with a time of 10:05.50. The men's DMR was the first team to win a PSAC championship in Mansfield history.

Moreover, Sanford won an individual conference title in the 800 meter run at the PSAC with a time of 1:55.81 – another Mansfield first. Sanford has already qualified for this year's PSAC in the 800 and 1500 meter runs.

At this weekend's Collegiate Track Conference (CTC) meet at DeSales University he finished in second with a time of 1:57.97 in the 800 meter dash, behind Victor Garcia.

Sanford realizes that the work is everything when it comes to running.

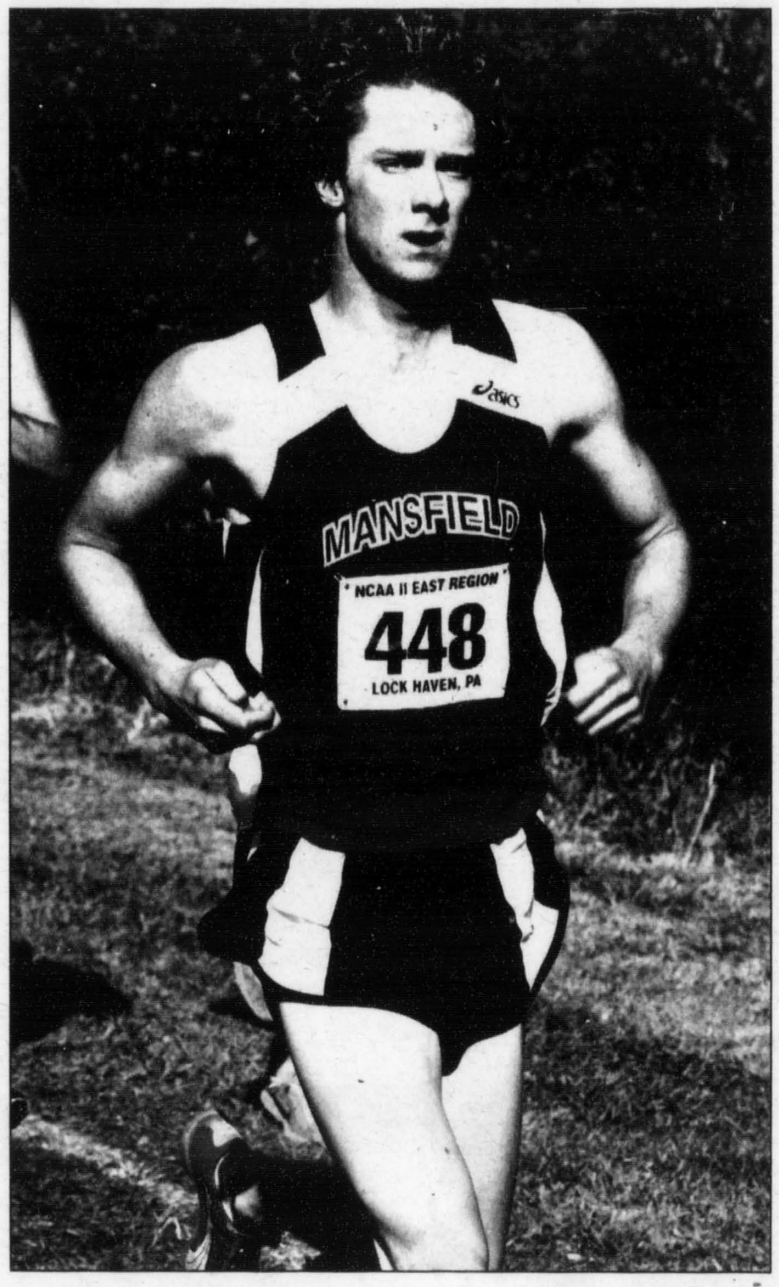
"Running has taught me that in order to be successful with anything in life, you have to work at it every single day and not let the little obstacles and set backs deter you from your goals," Sanford said.

I may write the articles and read the statistics, but a recap from the weekend track meet doesn't give me an accurate depiction of the hard work runners put into every day training. After doing this e-mail interview, it's clear to me that the countless little things Sanford works towards are what have contributed to his fast-growing success in the past two years. Sanford may have accomplished some things that college track athletes only dream of, but when it boils down to what really matters - he works for the small things.

Nicole Hagan: How long have you been running track?
Dave Sanford: I started to run cross country and track during my freshman year of high school.

NH: Did you play any other sports growing up?
DS: I played soccer for the longest time when I was growing up. I participated in an area youth league, probably since I was in first grade up until my eighth grade. I also played baseball for a little while but it just never really appealed to me.

NH: How did you first become interested in running track?
DS: The whole running idea never really struck me as something I would like to do and it's kind of funny how I became involved with it. I was sick on the day our school held its soccer tryouts. So the next day at lunch there were people in the cafeteria looking for people to sign up for cross country. Knowing that I wanted to be in some kind of athletics, I signed up and didn't even think twice about it. I went home and asked my Mom "what's cross country" and she told me "Oh, you'll be doing a lot of running."
I kind of dreaded the upcoming season and got beat by some girls in the first couple of practices, which then motivated me to really work hard at it. After my first cross country season, I figured it would be easier and less painful to keep running during the off-season, instead of doing nothing. And, after a while, I really began to just love going out and running and it just became part of my daily routine.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Dave Sanford helped lead the DMR team to a ninth place finish at the Indoor NCAA Championships last season.

NH: Why did you decide to transfer to Mansfield and did you run track while you were at Bloomsburg?
DS: I transferred for a variety of reasons. To keep a long story somewhat short, I wasn't entirely sure I was in the right major and I didn't see eye to eye with my track coaches at Bloomsburg. I knew growing up that I wanted to be in a profession where I could be working with and helping people. I have always had a passion for working with children and after some soul searching I decided I wanted to be a teacher. In addition to this, the coaches and I were not getting along so I thought now would be a great opportunity to pack my things and get a fresh start at a new school.

NH: How do you train during the season to stay competitive?
DS: During track season I usually do anywhere from 40-50 miles a week. Typically I will have two days a week which are more speed oriented where I focus on faster, race simulating repetitions. I also usually have a tempo run at some point during the week, which is usually 2-4 miles in length and is done at my cross country race pace. The rest of the week usually consists of mileage days, including a long run of 10-12 miles on Sunday. In addition to the running I have a pretty well developed lifting program that I do three days a week, along with core exercises that are done almost every day.

NH: How do you think the outdoor track and field team has done so far this season?
DS: I think our team is off to a great start this outdoor season. We have a ton of new freshman this year who have loads of talent and will definitely have a bright future ahead of them, if they stay focused. Chris Cumings and Mike Gray have already hit marks that are good enough to get them to the NCAA so that is really exciting. And just picking up more guys to fill the vacancies we once had, adds to the team atmosphere. Getting new faces is always great because they bring with them energy and excitement that is contagious.

NH: Tell me about being a part of the DMR team at the NCAA Division II National Indoor Championships this year and also tell me about being the first DMR team at Mansfield to win a PSAC title. What where those experiences like and tell me about the journey to get there.
DS: Being a part of our team this season is something I will never forget. It is rare for a team, especially one of Mansfield's size, to get four guys to come together and all race well on the same day. Qualifying and running at nationals was only part of the experience, in my opinion, this season. The journey the four of us faced together in reaching our common goal was what made the trip worth while. Winning PSAC was such an incredible experience because I still think there were a lot of people who doubted that our DMR was legit. Going into the conference championships and dominating the rest of the field really made a statement that our program is on the rise. Overall, we may not have reached our final goal of making All-American, but I think the trust and friendship the four of us share now is just as special.

NH: So far, what has been your most rewarding experience through college track and field?
DS: I think the most rewarding thing I've taken, not just from track and field, but from running, is the work ethic. I have developed over the years. Running has taught me that, in order to be successful with anything in life, you have to work at it every single day and not let the little obstacles and set backs deter you from your goals.

NH: What has been your most difficult task to overcome through college track and field?
DS: I would have to say my biggest obstacle I've faced in college track is balancing the school work and all the practice time I need to put in. It is difficult to have the energy to want to go to a night class or work on projects right after a hard interval workout on the track.

NH: What motivates you to participate in track and field?
DS: My motivation to run track and field comes primarily from my enjoyment I get out of running and the feeling you get just before the start of a race. The feeling one gets when they toe the starting line, just before the mad rush for positioning, is definitely something I will miss after I'm done competing.

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Abe Yeakel smashes four home runs on Senior Day

By NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

The Mansfield baseball team lost three out of four games against Millersville April 18-19 before sweeping Columbia Union on Sunday, April 20.

Mansfield's first doubleheader against Millersville in an away game on Friday left the Mountaineers with a 3-1 loss in the opener and a 6-4 loss in the nightcap.

During the opener, Mansfield scored their first and only run of the game in the top of the second when Chris Miller hit an RBI single into right field to bring in Justin Garcia.

Millersville retaliated in the bottom of the third with a two run home run from Keith Spencer and a solo home run from Lance Miller to give them the 3-1 lead.

Neither team managed to score any runs in the remaining four innings and, while Mansfield out hit Millersville 6-4, they were unable to pull out a win.

Irv Sleighter pitched a complete game allowing just four hits and striking out five.

"Irv is our best pitcher so we pitch him in the first game of every series," Hillson said. "That day, he pitched good enough to win but we just didn't get the runs to back it up."

In the nightcap, both teams remained scoreless until Abe Yeakel scored off of a single into right field by Chris Coleman in the top of the fourth. Millersville earned a run off a single in the bottom of the inning to tie up the game, but Matt Young came into the top of the fifth and hit a two run home run to give the lead back to Mansfield. Young's home run was his second of the season.

"The biggest way Young helps us is simply by getting on base and helping out that way," Hillson said. "We normally don't expect him to step up to bat and hit home runs all day, but it was still nice for him to get one on Friday.

Mansfield continued the momentum into the sixth when Nate Grove doubled down the right field line to bring in Miller and give Mansfield a 4-1 lead. Unfortunately for the Mountaineers, Millersville reacted in the bottom of the sixth with five runs of their own.

Mansfield could not make up the deficit in the top of the seventh and lost the nightcap 6-4.

Similar to the opener, Mansfield out hit Millersville 10-4 in the nightcap. Yeakel went 3-3, Grove went 2-3 with one RBI, and Young went 1-4 in the nightcap with two RBIs.

The wins earned Millersville second place in the PSAC and dropped Mansfield to third with a 7-7 record.

The following day, the Mountaineers returned home for senior day in a rematch against the Marauders where seniors Yeakel and Ryan Giblin were honored during pregame ceremonies. Yeakel, making the best of senior day, hit four home runs during the doubleheader to bring his home run count to nine on the season.

"Abe is able to knock in a lot of runs and gets us going on base," Hillson said. "He goes out there and does what he needs to do."

Unlike Friday's games, the Mountaineers split the doubleheader against Millersville winning the opener 13-12 but losing the nightcap 17-13 in extra innings.

"We played a lot better on Saturday but the games were still pretty close," Hillson said. "Every team has an advantage when playing at home and we took advantage of that in the first game. In the nightcap, with the wind blowing the way that it was, it was really anybody's game though."

Trevor Tellip picked up his fifth win of the season in the opener after relieving Eric Rosenberger with one out in the top of the fourth.

"We brought in Tellip because he's been doing an outstanding job out of the bullpen the past two weeks," Hillson said.

Millersville jumped out to a 1-0 lead when leadoff batter Corey Phelan hit a solo home run off of the first pitch of the first inning. Yeakel got even when he hit his own solo home run off of the first pitch in the bottom of the inning – his first of four home runs for the day. He stepped up again in the bottom of the second with a RBI single to bring in Drew Bair.

Mansfield's defense helped keep Millersville in check throughout the first two innings. Two runners were picked off when Rosenberger threw to Yeakel at first. Yeakel ran down and tagged out both runners and Miller contributed with a leaping catch against the center field fence for an out in the bottom of the second.

"Our defense has been good the past couple of weeks," Hillson said. "It's the little things we do right like making plays defensively and throwing the right pitches on the mound that give us a chance to win the game."

After giving up three runs in the fourth, Mansfield battled back with three runs of their own in the bottom of the inning. Tony Battisti hit a solo home run, Giblin followed with an RBI single to tie it up 4-4 and Miller finished up the inning with an RBI double down the left field line to give Mansfield the 5-4 lead.

The hitting war continued into the sixth. A solo home run by Jesse Shablin tied the game 6-6, but Mansfield's bats were hot in the bottom of the inning. Garcia started off with a 2 RBI double and was followed by a two run home run from Grove and a solo home run from Bair to make the score 11-6. Young and Giblin kept the bats going with an RBI single each to add to the seven runs in the inning. Mansfield ended the sixth with a 13-6 lead.

Tyler Noel came in to pitch for Tellip in the top of the seventh with two on base. A three run home run by Arroyo followed the change, bringing Millersville within three runs of the Mountaineers. The Marauders attempted a comeback and added three more runs for a total of six in the top of the seventh, but could not dig out a win. The Mountaineers defeated Millersville in the opener 13-12.

Yeakel went 3-4 with a home run and two RBIs while Giblin, Grove and Battisti had two hits each.

Noel continued pitching and started the nightcap for the Mountaineers.

Mansfield remained scoreless until Grove hit a solo home run, his second of the day, in the bottom of the second. The home run rally continued when Phelan hit a solo home run in the top of the third for Millersville and Yeakel hit a two run home run to bring in Coleman in the bottom of the inning. Young, Giblin and Grove followed with RBI doubles to contribute to Mansfield's five runs in the bottom of the third and give them the 6-4 lead.

Unfortunately for the Mountaineers, Mansfield gave up five runs between four different pitchers and allowed Millersville to retake the lead 11-7 in the fourth.

After a scoreless fifth inning, Mansfield started back up with the home runs. Yeakel hit a two run home run to start off the sixth that was followed by another two run home run from Giblin to bring Mansfield within one run of Millersville.

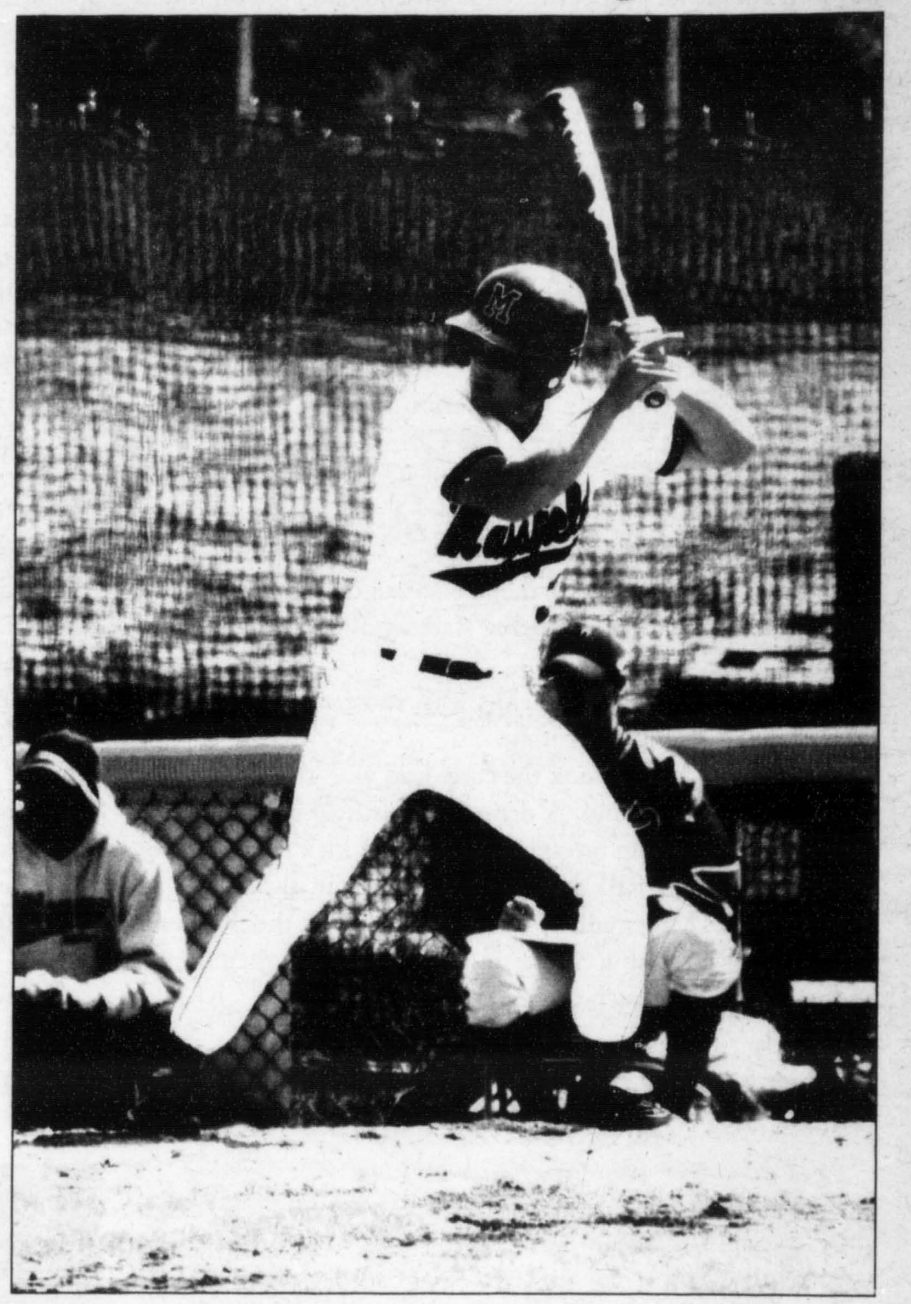
Rosenberger, who started the opener, replaced Rick Stewart in the top of the seventh to round out the nightcap. Millersville managed to earn one more run in the in the top of the inning and Mansfield entered into the bottom of the seventh down 13-11.

With two outs, two strikes and the team down by two runs, Yeakel pulled out his third two run home run (fourth homer of the day) to tie the game 13-13 and send the game into extra innings.

Millersville went on to score four runs in the top of the eighth while Mansfield was unable to earn any in the bottom, giving the 17-13 win to the Marauders.

"It's interesting when you look at our record. Most of our games are close games," Hillson said. "This was actually the first extra inning game that we lost this season. It goes to show that we're in every game up until the last inning and that we never give up that chance to try and go the extra inning to pull out a win."

Yeakel went 3-4 with three home runs and six RBIs in the nightcap while Giblin went 3-5 with a home run, a double and four RBIs. Grove also went 3-5 and contributed with a double, a home run, and two RBIs.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Abe Yeakel hit five home runs in two games over the weekend. He is the leading batter in the PSAC East Conference. He was also awarded PSAC player of the week for the second time this season.

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'BASEBALL'

Two players suffered injuries during the doubleheader. Jared Johnson cut his face off of the left field fence after attempting a catch in the opener and Battisti injured his ankle after running into the first baseman during the nightcap.

"Jared is doing fine," Hillson said. "Tony dinged up his ankle in the game but he should be ready to go on Friday when we play against Bloomsburg."

Mansfield finished off the weekend's doubleheaders with a sweep over Columbia Union at home, winning 7-3 in the opener and 17-1 in the nightcap.

"We had tremendous pitching on Sunday," Hillson said. "The better the pitching the better the team plays. Our team is still pretty young on the mound and this is a huge learning experience for players like Chris Zelko and Joe Will. Joe's a young pitcher who's just getting started, but he did exceptionally well on Sunday. Both of the guys picked up their first wins of the season and that's a real bright spot for their futures as pitchers. If they continue doing what they're doing, they should end up being starting pitchers in the years to come."

Zelko allowed only six hits and three runs during the opener going 6 and 2/3 innings.

Columbia Union took the early lead with two home runs in the top of the second. A drive into left field by Bair in the bottom of the inning brought in Garcia to kick things off for Mansfield and an RBI double from Giblin in the third tied the game 2-2. Miller added a two RBI single in the third and Yeakel followed with a homer in the fourth, his tenth homer of the season, to stretch the lead to 5-2.

With two outs in the seventh inning and the bases loaded, Mansfield brought in Tellip to replace Zelko to get the final out and earn his third save of the season. Mansfield won the opener 7-3.

Yeakel went 2-3 and hit his fifth home run in three days while Miller went 3-4 with two RBIs.

The nightcap was plagued with bad weather that caused a delay of game at the start of the fourth. Joe Will picked up his first win of the season in the nightcap, going six innings before the umpire called the game. Will gave up just four hits allowing one run while striking out four.

Mansfield scored their first run in the first inning when Young scored off a wild throw by Columbia Union's short stop to first base. The Mountaineers managed three more runs in the second to give them a 4-0 lead before the rain started falling in the third.

After the rain delay, the Mountaineers scored 13 more runs in the next two innings to give them a demanding 17-0 lead. Yeakel drove a ball into right field to bring in two runs. Miller hit a two RBI triple and a hit from Garcia up the middle brought in a run to give Mansfield five runs in the fourth. The Mountaineers added eight more runs in the fifth with the help of a two RBI single from both Giblin and Bair.

"We hit a little valley in the first go around with Columbia Union," Hillson said. "But we played well in the following game this past weekend. Every season has peaks and valleys and you hope that the team peaks at the right time and that the valleys don't last long. It's good to know that we're peaking at the end of the season like this with only two more games to go."

Columbia Union scored their first and only run of the nightcap with an RBI single by Jason Torgerson into center field in the top of the sixth, but the game was called after the top of that inning.

Giblin was a big contributor in the game's defense in the nightcap.

"Giblin made about three or four outstanding plays that game," Hillson said. "And overall, the team made only one error all day. Keeping the errors under two is a good thing for any team."

Miller went 2-3 in the nightcap with three RBIs while Yeakel, Giblin and Bair went 2-3 in the nightcap with two RBIs.

Yeakel was named PSAC East Player of the Week for his exceptional performance over the three doubleheaders. It was the second time this season Yeakel received this honor. He is currently batting .467 and he ranks second in the PSAC with 10 home runs. In addition to his offense, he was perfect on defense in all 67 putout opportunities.

The Mountaineers are currently tied with Kutztown in the PSAC East Division at third with an 8-8 conference record.

"It's interesting because everybody plays somebody else in the division this last week of games," Hillson said. "Kutztown plays West Chester, East Stroudsburg plays Millersville and we play Bloomsburg. For us, we're not so much concerned with where we finish. Instead, we're concerned with just making playoffs. Every team, except for maybe Bloomsburg, is still in it going into the last weekend. It definitely shows the strength of the conference."

The men will host Bloomsburg in their final home games of the season on Fri., April 25 at 1 p.m. and will finish up the regular season in an away game at Bloomsburg on Sat., April 26.

Mountaineer Softball sweeps Millersville, loses to Bloomsburg

By ERIC BOHANNON
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

The Mansfield University softball team picked up their first PSAC sweep of the season on Friday, April 18 against Millersville.

"The wins were really big for us," head coach Edith Gallagher said. "The second game was especially big because we came and answered right back with runs after they tied the game."

In game one the Mountaineers scored first when Janelle Antes drove in Shana Markwis with an RBI double to right field. Millersville grabbed the lead in the top of the second with two unearned runs.

Mansfield came back with two runs of their own in the bottom of the third on RBI singles from Nicole Yost and Kristina Poore.

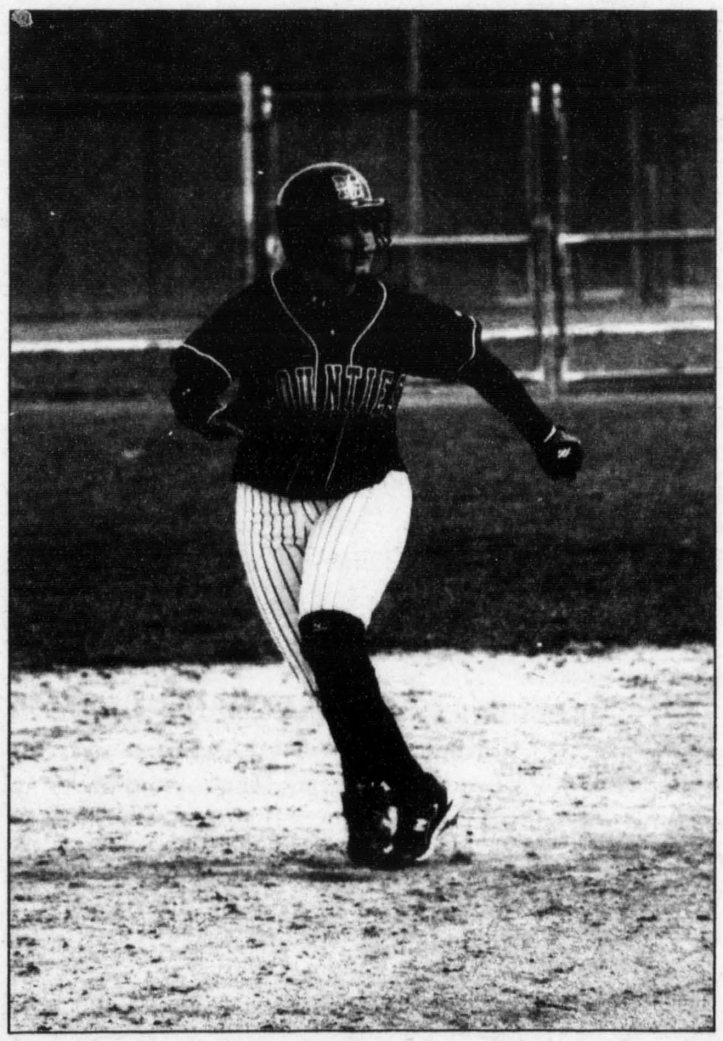
"We came up with key hits in some key situations," Gallagher said. "Especially the rookies came up in some big situations and had big at-bats."

The Mountaineers were held scoreless the rest of the way but Lindsay Knapp kept the Marauders scoreless as well. Knapp held Millersville to five hits and no earned runs to pick up the complete game win. Yost led Mansfield at the plate with two hits.

The Mountaineers got off to a fast start in game two scoring four runs in the bottom of the second. All the runs were scored with two outs and the inning was highlighted by an RBI double by Jen Messner and a two RBI single by Sarah Cullen.

Millersville cut the lead in half in the fourth but Mansfield tacked on a run in the bottom half of the inning when Jen Stein scored on an error by the catcher.

Mansfield held a 5-3 lead going into the sixth inning until Millersville tied it with two runs. With the bases loaded and nobody out, Knapp came back in to pitch for the Mountaineers.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Nicole Yost led the Mountaineers with two hits in the opener against Millersville on Friday, April 18.

Knapp got the first two hitters before letting up a bloop single to Shaina Briel. Mansfield exploded for six runs in the bottom of the inning to take control of the game. "In that situation you're always hoping to bounce back and score some runs, but you never know; some teams don't respond well," Gallagher said. "It just makes us mad that they went out and got the lead back."

Knapp came out for the seventh inning and let up a single with two outs, but got Trisha Johnson to pop up to Sarah Cullen to end the game. "Lindsay had no walks on the day, which is a key to being successful," Gallagher said. "She keeps on going, she did a great job coming in with the bases loaded and she had them flustered all day."

Yost, Stein and Cullen had two hits apiece for Mansfield while Cullen and Megan Trutt each had three RBIs.

Earlier in the week Mansfield lost a doubleheader to nationally ranked Kutztown. Mansfield was unable to score in either game falling 8-0 and 6-0. "Their pitchers were on that day and we didn't have quality at-bats," Gallagher said. "We just played an unexceptional game that day; hitting, defense, we just didn't play well."

Mansfield managed two hits in the opener, a single by Markwis and a double by Trutt. The Mountaineers managed four hits in the second game, two by Poore, but the Mountaineers were never able to move a runner past second base.

Mansfield hosted #19 ranked Bloomsburg on Tuesday afternoon. Mansfield got swept by the Huskies 8-0 and 9-1. Jess Christ had three hits for Mansfield in game one while Markwis had two hits in game two.

The softball team travels to East Stroudsburg on Friday before hosting Shippensburg on Saturday in the season finale.

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NH: Who is your biggest role model or influence and why?
DS: My biggest role model in my life is definitely my parents. They are undoubtedly the most kind and compassionate people I have ever known in my life. They have done so much for me both on and off the athletic fields throughout my life that I could never say thank you enough. Both my mom and dad have been right there beside me on my high and low moments and they have rode their bikes countless times with me on long runs when I've wanted some company.

NH: What are some of your goals for this season?
DS: My goals for this season I think are very simple. I want to be better than I was last year. I want to be able to look back on this season and know that I did everything within my power to make myself the best athlete I can be. I would also like to earn a berth to Outdoor NCAA's in either the 800 or the 1500.

NH: What are some of the team's goals for this season?
DS: Team wise I think it would be awesome if we could improve upon our place at the Indoor PSAC Championships. Our goal is to get as many people qualified for the Championship meet and just represent Mansfield as best we can.

NH: What's your major?
DS: I am majoring in Elementary and Special Education.

NH: What are your plans for after graduation?
DS: My plans for after graduation are to hopefully find a job somewhere around where I live and to eventually start a family of my own.

NH: Do you plan on continuing with track (in some way) after you graduate?
DS: I plan on still running and racing as much as my schedule will allow me. I have a busy summer and fall of classes and then I student teach in the spring. But I plan on always be involved in running in some way or another.

NH: Explain to me what it's like to be a part of the track and field team here at Mansfield University.
DS: Being a part of the team here at Mansfield has been a great opportunity for me to really get to know some great people and have a lot of fun. Mansfield is definitely one of the smaller teams out there, but I've learned that heart is what is most important. I think our team epitomizes the saying, "It's not the size of the dog in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the dog."

Moutaineer goes pro, Kevin Hill signs with Elmira Bulldogs

By DANELLE MILLER
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Kevin Hill, senior guard/forward for the Mansfield men's basketball team, signed with the Elmira Bulldogs this season.

Hill's debut with the Bulldogs was last weekend, April 19 and 20. He scored 20 points, including six three-pointers against the Hudson Valley Hawks on Sat. and 26 points including six three-pointers against the Maryland Bayraiders on Sun. He was supposed to debut on April 12, but the West Virginia game was forfeited.

"I heard from Coach Miller that I might get a phone call from the Bulldogs. I went and tried out on April 10," Hill said. "I'm very happy. For as long as I can remember, I have wanted to play basketball."

Hill remembers playing in the gym as a kid that the Elmira bulldogs now call home. "The gym is a YMCA. In eighth grade I played summer leagues there while at Mansfield High School," Hill said. "It has a homey kind of feel. The gym is small and old -- it's a Hoosiers style gym. It gives you the feeling that this is where basketball is played."

According to Hill, professional basketball is different from the collegiate level. "The guys are bigger, faster and stronger. They can shoot better. They are quicker and there's a huge difference in the athletic abilities of the big men," Hill said.

Another difference is that music is played during the games. "You hear the music and cheers -- it's cool. It's different because there aren't enough fans for the players to feed off of, but the music helps."

Hill commented on the adjustments he had to make to play professional basketball. "There are 20 seconds on the shot clock. You get two passes at most before shooting. Everybody has the ability to score and you have to take advantage of the opportunity when you get the ball," Hill said. "Every basket is a fast break -- it's very tiring."

Hill joined former Mountaineer Demontric Doddles who also plays for the Bulldogs. "It's great to play with Demontric. On the way to an away game I sat with him and talked. It made the transition easier to be able to talk about past coaches and Mansfield," Hill said.

Hill is currently enrolled in 16 credits, and comments on the strain of traveling during the weekend and balancing classes. "It's been ridiculous," Hill said. "Especially the last couple of weeks, it's been hard to stay motivated. I've continually gotten support from my parents and teammates to stay motivated."

Hill wants to continue professional basketball. He is sending DVD's overseas to different teams. "I want to make a living playing professional basketball. I want to reach my goal and keep moving up in the divisions," Hill said. There are three divisions overseas to play professional basketball in.

For now Hill's career begins in Elmira and he feels comfortable working with a new team. "The team has really accepted me. They all show confidence in my ability to shoot the ball and play with them," Hill said. "They're a fun group of guys to be around and it's easy to relax and be myself. When it's game time our personalities click well together."

Coach Rich Miller, Mansfield men's basketball head coach, commented on Hill's acceptance into the professional basketball league. "I think he will have a lot of success. This is a great start for him and he'll be a role player for the team. I went with Coach Mattern and our families to watch him play Sunday. When he got the opportunity to score, he hit the shot. This will be a great experience for him," Miller said.

Coming up in Mountie Sports

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
April 24 - Outdoor Track & Field, Penn Relays @ Franklin Field	25 - Baseball vs Bloomsburg, 1 p.m. - Softball @ East Stroudsburg, 2:30 p.m. - Outdoor Track & Field, Penn Relays @ Franklin Field	26 - Baseball @ Bloomsburg, 1 p.m. - Softball vs Shippensburg, 2 p.m. - Outdoor Track & Field, Penn Relays @ Franklin Field	27 - Outdoor Track & Field, Big Red Invite @ Cornell	28	29	30
May 1 - Baseball PSAC Playoffs - Softball PSAC Playoffs - Outdoor Track & Field, PSAC Oudoor Championships @ Indiana, PA	2 - Baseball PSAC Playoffs - Softball PSAC Playoffs - Outdoor Track & Field, PSAC Oudoor Championships @ Indiana, PA	3 - Baseball PSAC Playoffs - Softball PSAC Playoffs - Outdoor Track & Field, PSAC Oudoor Championships @ Indiana, PA	4	5	6	7

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Katie Foster and Mike Gray break school records in hammer throw

By CHRISTOPHER BOSWELL
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University women's track team finished second overall and the men finished third in the Collegiate Track Conference (CTC) at DeSales University over the weekend.

Katie Foster broke the school record in the hammer throw with a throw of 86'11". She also took second in the triple jump (36'07.5") and long jump (16'09.25") and placed fifth in the high jump with a height of 5'01".

"Katie is an important athlete, even though she had a lot of trouble her first year here due to injuries," men's head coach Mike Rohl said. "She's great at getting what we call backup points and Coach Cadwell and I have decided to give her more attention to help reach her goal of going to the national competition."

Mansfield's four racewalkers also placed, taking first, third, fourth and fifth place in the 2000 meter racewalk.

Anine Stanley took first with a time of 15:23.50, a personal best record and school record, and teammates Chelsea Conway, Sarah Groat and Michelle Clarke took third through fifth respectively.

"The CTC meet is one of the most anticipated meets that I look forward to as a coach," women's head coach Steph Cadwell said. "It's one meet where the whole team can go and compete. The racewalkers usually are off on their own going to other meets because most meets do not offer racewalking events. It's great to have team unity and team support all in one place."

Irene Primmer took second in the steeplechase with a time of 12:10.27 and also qualified for the PSAC.

Part of the steeplechase involves jumping over a hurdle and runners getting stuck in the water pit.

"Of course there was the usual group of people by the water pit, there always is. That is the best part of the race for both the runners and the spectators," Primmer said. "The spectators like it because it is fun to watch the runners get wet and also the water pit can win or lose the event for people. Some of the Mansfield athletes were at the water pit, but others were around the track and it was nice to have it spread out. They cheered me on and it was nice to hear them."

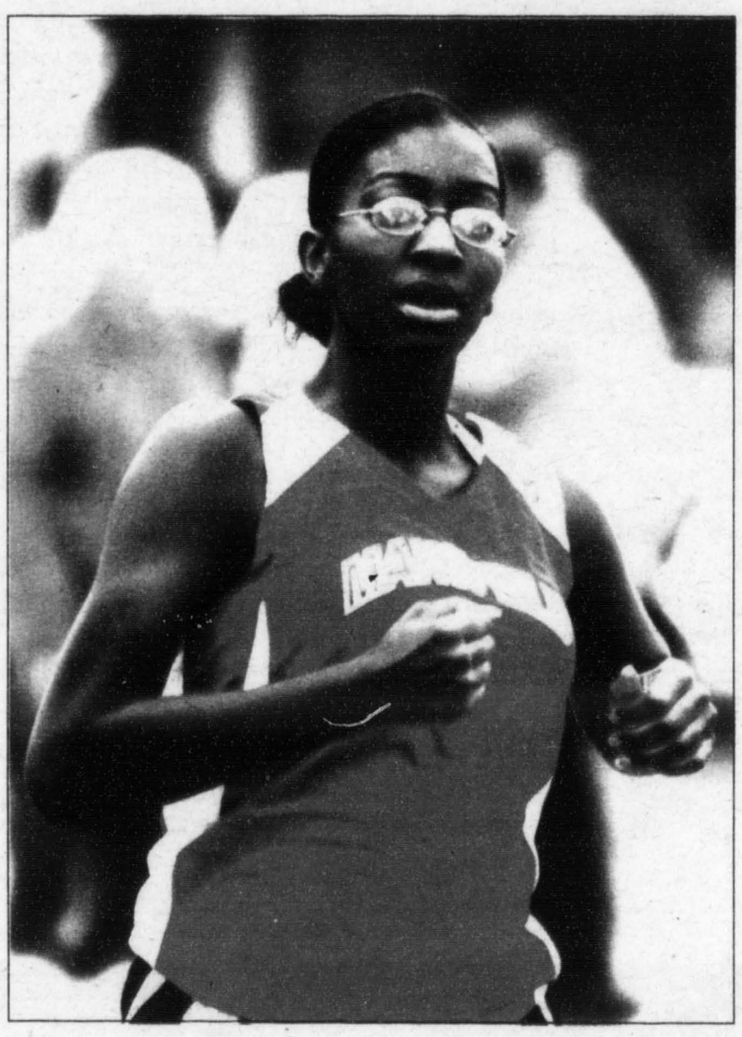
Clarissa Correll finished second in the 1500 meter run with a time of 5:02.95, while teammate Jessica Wagner finished eighth with a time of 5:19.03.

Jessica Allyn placed third in the 400 meter run with 1:01.94 and Erica Ferguson finished seventh with a time of 1:02.66.

Ferguson placed eighth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.63. She also placed in the long jump taking sixth with a distance of 16'03".

Katrina Brumfield took second in the high jump with a height of 5'03". Brumfield also took fourth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.92 and sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 33'09.25".

"Katrina has been a pillar for our team for years and Katie will soon take over that position once Katrina is gone," Rohl said.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Anine Stanley took first place in the 2000 meter racewalk at the CTC meet this past weekend.

Jenelle Toter and Amanda Fedish took seventh and eighth places in the 100 meter dash with times of 13.24 and 13.53 respectively.

The 4x100 meter relay team consisting of Brumfield, Toter, Fedish and Ryan Kelly finished third with a time of 50.10, while the 4x800 meter relay team of Correll, Jess Wagner, Lindzie Foster and Sarah Pinkowski finished third with a time of 10:38.06.

The 4x400 meter relay team consisting of Brumfield, Ferguson, Allyn and Kelly took fifth with a time of 4:27.69.

Kelly and Foster took fourth and fifth in the 800 with times of 2:28.34 and 2:28.56 respectively. Kelly also took eighth in the 400 meter hurdles with a time of 1:11.56 finishing behind teammate Abbie Waltz who took seventh with a time of 1:11.45.

Waltz also placed sixth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17:25.

Other place winners for the Mountaineers were Jillian Butters who took sixth in the javelin 95'09", Brenae Edwards who took seventh in the 5000 meter run 19:22.71 and Abbie Gaiotti and Caitlin Morgan who took seventh and eighth in the pole vault. Their vault qualified them for the PSAC Championships.

Mike Gray led the men scoring 23 points with a first place finish in the discus 154'07" and a second place finish in the shot put 49'03". He also broke the school record in the hammer throw 135'04" which earned him fourth place.

"Gray's an amazing athlete who's able to learn the sport quickly," Rohl said. "Throwing hammer has been a learning experience for both of us. We both watched films on how to throw, we have watched other throwers and Mike's been the one to work out the details of it."

Victor Garcia won the 800 meter run, barely winning over teammate Dave Sanford. Garcia's time was 1:57.34 and Sanford's was 1:57.97.

"Victor and Dave compliment each other by using each other's strengths," Rohl said. "We had to change our tactic of the race due to the wind Saturday which kept them in the middle of the pack throughout most of the race. At the end of the race, they both kicked. Victor had better positioning than Dave did and that's one reason Victor won."

Garcia also placed second in the 400 meter run with a time of 50.57.

Cummings won the 10,000 meter run with a time of 32:45.90. His run was completed with the same style as his mile run at the Indoor National Championships earlier this year. Cummings stayed either in the back of the field or in the middle. Near the end of the race he performed his strong kick and passed one runner after another.

"We didn't want to load him up with events this meet because he has an important meet this week at the Penn Relays," Rohl said. "This past week he's been having a huge week of training. Even during the meet he was wearing trainers. So this past race was like a workout for him."

Jon-Mark Stoltz and Chris Bogenschutz were the other two runners who placed high in distance events.

Stoltz took second in the 1500 meter run with a time of 4:07.74 and fifth in the 5000 meter run with a time of 16:05.88.

Bogenschutz took sixth in both the 5000 with a time of 16:07.85 meter run and 3000 with a time of 10:15.43 meter steeplechase.

Ryan Detwiler also placed when he tied for third in the high jump with a height of 6'00.75".

The 4x800 meter relay team consisting of Duke Opdyke, Garcia, Sanford and Sean Vollenweider took third with a time of 8:15.35.

"I needed to get my A-Team out there to run a controlled race and secure us taking home a trophy," Rohl said. "Runners who run second events and run on guts are the ones who bring home trophies and that's what both the men's and women's teams did."

dancing demonstration.

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Mansfield students working together to make "Fun District"

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Roller City: "The Fun District" in Tioga County. This is the dream of three Mansfield University students, Kamil Dixon, Clarence Hendley and Pamela Terrell.

"Our goal is to position Roller City as "The Fun District" in Tioga County, consisting of a state of the art roller rink, the latest arcade games and a "Kiddi City" for kids ages 0-12," Terrell said. "Future plans for Roller City include a skate park and laser tag. We are accepting all considerations for inclusion."

Dixon, Hendley and Terrell came up with the idea together, after tossing around ideas to each other. One day, they brainstormed to the point where they had a vision, and they've gone full throttle with the idea ever since. "For students at MU, entertainment is far from a dime a dozen, our drive comes from experience and wanting better for both the University and the town together," Hendley said.

Terrell thinks Roller City will bring about progress in Mansfield. Roller City will be a place of attraction for everyone in Mansfield. "It's been proven throughout history the effect of an entertained society; we intend to reaffirm how much that entertainment is needed," Terrell said. "We are prepared to work with both the town and MU to make this vision a reality as soon as early spring 2009".

Dixon, Hendley and Terrell pursued the support of the town and the university. Local banks will be approached to peak interest and soon they will be talking with the Small Business Administration and Better Organization of Mansfield for further investment. "As far as our personal investment, we will fundraise to add to what we have in the bank, but we all still have bills, so we have to move wise and cautiously," Hendley said.

The group has received positive support about Roller City. President Loeschke and Bob Strohecker have been mentors to them and their insights have given them leverage to make the steps they have been taking much smoother. "Everybody that we talked to is enthusiastic when we talk about Roller City," Dixon said. "It brings instant memories of times when there was a skating rink in Mansfield and for the current students it brings excitement to the fun weekends that lie ahead, we for sure are in that category."

President Loeschke is proud of the hard work that Dixon, Hendley and Terrell have put into Roller City. "I am excited that our students want say in our community and create businesses and careers that will support our community," Loeschke said. "The University is working to find ways to provide support for these ventures and keep our graduates in the community."

The students are trying to promote the creation of Roller City as much as possible. They tell their friends and family, and they have been approaching businesses with a concrete plan. The students then keep these people updated with accurate information.

See **"FUN DISTRICT"** pg. 2

Mansfield graduate plays professional women's football

By REBECCA HAZEN
Flashlight News Co-Editor

A Mansfield University criminal justice major graduate from 2006 is a professional football player. However, this is not your average football player. She is Katie Heil and she plays for the Independent Women's Football League (IWFL).

Heil first played field hockey at Mansfield University and saw a poster for the Pittsburgh Passion Tryouts during an away game. "I didn't think too much of it at the time, but when I realized I was moving to Pittsburgh several years later, I thought I would look into it," Heil said.

Growing up, Heil played football in Jr. high with the guy's team and loved it. However, it was not recommended that she play in high school. She took up field hockey instead. "When I realized that women's football existed, I knew I had to check it out. I looked up the Pittsburgh Passion when I got to Pittsburgh in August and found out that tryouts were in September. I showed up for tryouts and I guess you could say the rest is history," Heil said.

The IWFL is as real as the NFL with a few exceptions. You only need to have one foot in bounds for a completed catch and the football is smaller to fit better in a woman's hand.

According to iwflsports.com, the IWFL was founded in 2000 by a group of women dedicated to making the sport a household name. The IWFL currently has over 1600 women playing the sport for 41 teams across North America from Southern California to Montreal and Washington to Florida with consistent expansion into new markets.

The IWFL has Eastern and Western Conferences and they are separated into smaller divisions based on their geographic locations. The teams that Pittsburgh Passion play are the PA Vipers, Boston Militia, D.C. Divas, Columbus Phantoms, Baltimore Nighthawks and New York Sharks. The first place team in each division goes to the playoffs and eventually number one from the east plays number one from the west.

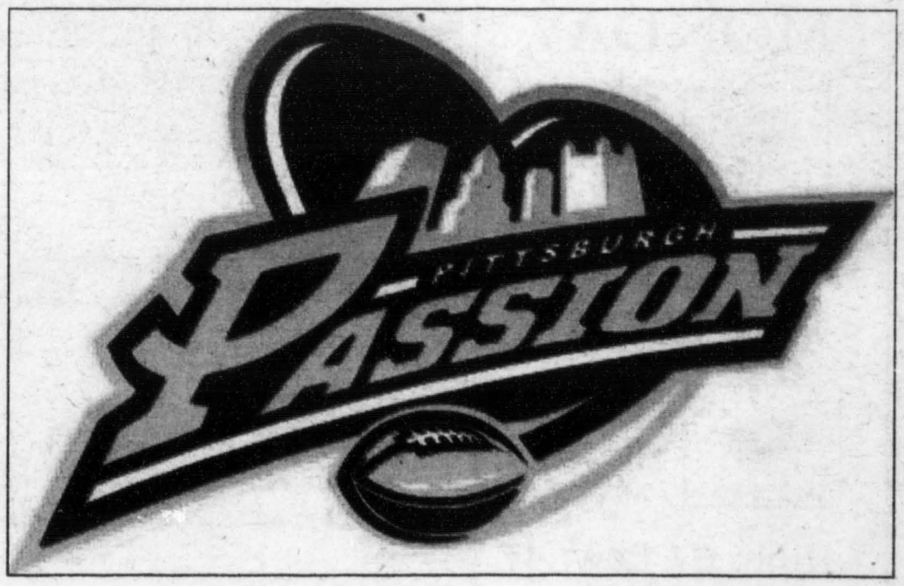


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Katie Heil is a Mansfield Graduate and plays for the women's football team, the Pittsburgh Passion, which is part of the Independent Women's Football league

Heil hopes to see women's football become more mainstream one day. "It is an exciting event but not many people know about it yet. It is always a great way to get younger girls involved in sports," Heil said.

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Weekly Weather

TODAY

Showers

High: 55 Low: 42

FRIDAY

Showers

High: 64 Low: 48

SATURDAY

Showers

High: 65 Low: 45

SUNDAY

Showers

High: 56 Low: 47

MONDAY

Showers

High: 65 Low: 47

TUESDAY

Few Showers

High: 67 Low: 47

WEDNESDAY

Few Showers

High: 65 Low: 47

Information taken from www.weather.com

Info-To-Go

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-The new spring edition of the Careers for College Graduates booklet has been placed on the Pennsylvania State Civil Service Commission web site. To access the new edition, log on to the web site at www.scsc.state.pa.us. Under the Job Information heading select College Graduates. The booklet is available in both pdf and text formats. This booklet is designed to assist students to discover the types of job opportunities available with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. It provides job titles for which a student may qualify based on the degree they will have earned.

- Mansfield University's Campus Ministries is trying to raise $5,000 by May 2 for Project Heifer. The goal of Project Heifer is to work with communities to end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. They hope to provide an ark full of animals to help promote self-reliance around the world.

- Students are now able to do teacher evaluations online up until May 2 at noon. Evaluations can be found online at http://evals.mansfield.edu.

Police Beat

April 26, 2008 -
Eric Otto, 20, was observed near the North Entrance to Alumni Hall under the influence of alcohol. Otto was cited for underage drinking and referred to Residence Life.

Correction

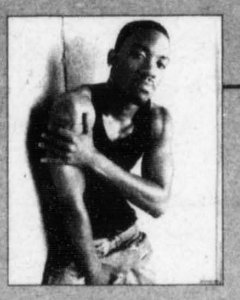
In last week's edition, an error was made when listing graduating Mansfield International Student Organization seniors. Saw Wah is graduating, not Melissa Cromwell.

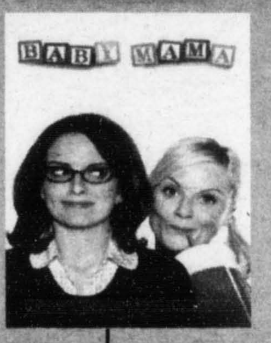
Entertainment Corner



Top Digital Singles: Courtesy of billboard.com

1.) **Madonna Ft. Justin Timberlake** - 4 Minutes
2.) **Lil Wayne Ft. Static Major** - Lollipop
3.) **Leona Lewis** - Bleeding Love
4.) **Jordin Sparks duet with Chris Brown** - No Air
5.) **Ray J & Yung Berg** - Sexy Can I





Top Movies: Courtesy of imdb.com

1.) **Baby Mama** - PG-13, Tina Fey
2.) **Harold and Kumar Escape from Guantanomo Bay** - R, Kal Penn
3.) **The Forbidden Kingdom** - PG-13, Jet Li
4.) **Forgetting Sarah Marshall** - R, Jason Segal
5.) **Nim's Island** - PG, Abigail Breslin



"FUN DISTRICT"

There are several options as to where Roller City could be built. There is land between Auto Zone and Wendy's, but the ideal place is to have it in the old Greco's supermarket building.

Dixon, Hendley and Terrell want to be part of the entire process of making Roller City come to life. "We will be the power source of progress in this entire process and we want this project to represent where our neighbors would like to be to have fun for years to come," Dixon said. "This is history in the making, and we are only at the top of the hill picking up speed, for us to delegate and not immerse ourselves would be a crucial mistake."

Roller City is a choice that they have committed to. "Our drive is to manifest this vision as soon as possible; we will represent the result of the university and town working together and students reinvesting their education back in Mansfield," Dixon said.

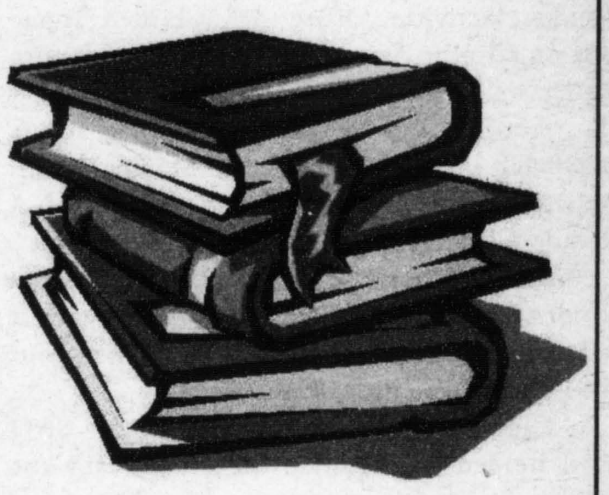
All organizations, groups and teams can forward, ideas and or programs that they would like to utilize or collaborate with Roller City in the future. All suggestions can be forwarded to contactrollercity@gmail.com.

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Mansfield students get X-Treme Air

By SUZANN GUSHUE
Flashlight Writer

Student Activities Office (SAO) held X-Treme Air on Clinton Street on April 24 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Student activities funded X-Treme Air, a skydiving simulator, allowing all Mansfield University students to enjoy the program for free. A hundred students participated in this event.

Ashley Krause is a Mansfield University student who attended the event. "I thought it was a good idea and it's something spontaneous you can say you did," Krause said.

Clarence Crisp is the director of SAO and helped to organize the event. "It's the kind of program that wakes people up and offers a challenge," Crisp said. "We have had this program here three times and each time we have to turn people away at the end of the program."

Each student wore a skydiving suit, goggles and a helmet. The suits had straps on the arms and legs so the operators could hold students above a large fan that created a wind tunnel. Each participant experienced about 30 seconds of skydiving.

"The machine is intimidating but as students conquer their fears, they think the experience is too short," Crisp said.

Some students had a chance to go without operators holding them. Brent Westfall was one of the Mansfield students given this opportunity. "I got up by myself on my sixth time and they spun me around," Westfall said. "You don't get to do this everyday. I had a blast."

Students experienced some excitement when Abe Belnap, one of the two operators got his foot caught on one of the inflatable boundaries around the fan while demonstrating the simulator. Belnap then fell down the outside of the wall. "I knew once my foot got caught all I could do was stand up to get my foot free," Belnap said. "I was just thinking about not falling into the motor."

This was the first time Belnap experienced a mishap in four years working with X-Treme Air.

"There are controlled risks and Abe got a gust of wind that interrupted his flight. None of our students were allowed to go as high as he did, because he was a flight demonstrator," Crisp said.

X-Treme Air has been traveling to and from colleges around the country. "The MU students had really good attention and were easy to train," Belnap said.

"We should be having more of these events at Mansfield. It gives us something to do," Krause said.

History club sponsoring trip to Ireland in 2008

By JAMIE CURTIS
Flashlight Writer

The History club met with students on April 25 to share their experiences from Spain and Morocco and to give information on the upcoming trip to Ireland.

The trip to Ireland is scheduled to take place from February 26 to March 8, 2009. The trip will include visiting places such as the cities of Dublin, Cork and Galway, Trinity College and seeing the book of Kells, Kilkenny, Bunratty and Blarney Castles, St. Patrick's Cathedral, etc. There will also be a live dinner performance in Dublin. The cost will be about $2,100 a person. Anyone who is interested in going on the trip is welcome to sign up. For more information e-mail Dr. Shawndra Holderby at sholderb@mansfield.edu or call 570-662-4664

The trip is sponsored by Education First (EF) a Swedish company that is one of the largest student tour companies in the world. The history club has also traveled to England, Italy and Greece in recent years.

The group traveled to the countries of Spain and Morocco this past spring break. The trip was led by Mansfield history professor Dr. Andrew Gaskievicz. Morocco is a country that is influenced by Arabic and French Culture. "I knew it was going to be a culture shock for some people, but it was fun," Gaskievicz said. "People in Morocco like to haggle; which can be a shock to Americans who expect a price on everything. I did it for an hour. It was different, it was an adventure and we did it with a sense of humor." The group also visited the Spanish cities of Seville, Andalucía and Madrid.

Ashley Munro, a senior at Mansfield University participated in this year's trip to Spain and Morocco. "When visiting a new place it is important to be open-minded," Munro said. For more information go to http://www.eftours.com/Student/ (the tour number is 402098-G1).

Campus Events Calendar

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
May 1 - Lino-Block Reduction Prints by Diane Castle Babcock	2 - Lino-Block Reduction Prints by Diane Castle Babcock	3	4	5 - Lino-Block Reduction Prints by Diane Castle Babcock - Final Exams	6 - Lino-Block Reduction Prints by Diane Castle Babcock - Final Exams	7 - Final Exams
8 - Final Exams	9 - Final Exams	10 - 11 a.m. - Spring Commencement	11	12	13	14

WNTE hosts grand opening for new studio

By MICHELLE POLCZYNSKI
Flashlight Writer

WNTE hosted the grand opening ceremony of the new on-air studio in Alumni Hall Student Center game room on April 23.

The studio was moved from Hemlock to its new location over winter break.

The new studio is equipped with a new automation system and speakers outside of the booth. The speakers are turned up by request when there is a DJ on-air and will eventually be on more often.

Dr. Chuck Hoy, the station advisor, thinks that the move will help to promote both the station and the student center. "The station gives a focal point for the student center and a reason to go there," Hoy said.

Speakers at the ceremony included Hoy, chief engineer Erick Murtland, former Communication and Theater Department chair Dr. Vernon Lapps and university president Dr. Maravene Loeschke.

"It was really important to have Dr. Lapps there since he contributed so much to WNTE," Hoy said.

The proposal to move the station was made in the fall of 2005 and later denied due to funding.

"The move has been four years in the making," Hoy said.

Lapps said that the move was like a new beginning for WNTE.

After the speakers finished Hoy invited Loeschke and Lapps to cut the ribbon to the new on-air studio. Loeschke, in turn, invited Hoy and Murtland to cut the ribbon with them.

Murtland, Lapps and Loeschke pushed the button together to play the first song after the official grand opening of the studio.

Sarah Raub is the WNTE Internal Relations director who planned the event. "The guests who attended were all important to WNTE, so it was great that they were there. I only wish we could have had more alumni there," Raub said.

"This move is the greatest thing that could happen to WNTE. It's already gotten our name out more because we're actually something to look at," Raub said.

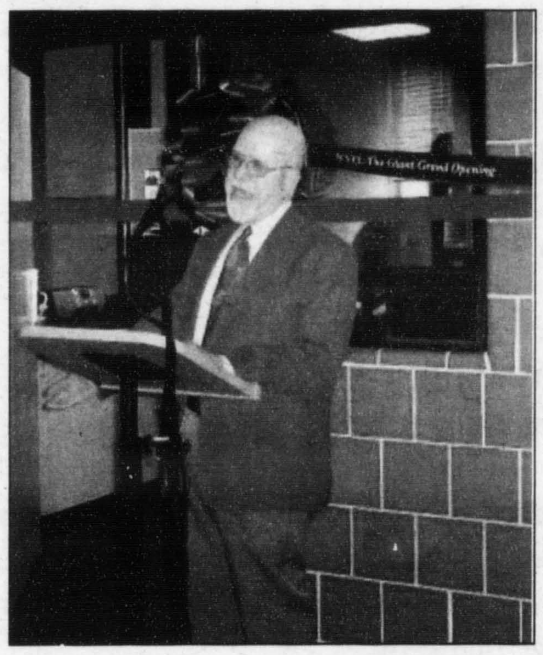


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Dr. Lapps was one of the speakers at the grand opening ceremony of the WNTE studio.

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The 2008 IWFL season began on April 12 and will continue through June. There are eight regular season games. The championship game is on July 26.

This is the first year that the Pittsburgh Passion is in the IWFL because they played in the National Women's Football Association (NWFA) last year where they won the National Championship. The team is off to a great start this season and are currently 2-0, having beat Central PA 62-0 on April 19 and Boston 34-8 on April 26.

During the off-season the Pittsburgh Passion has regular non-mandatory workouts and flag football throw-arounds. This year they began practice on January 11 at a local indoor facility. They hold practice three times a week and in March, moved to the regular outdoor stadium for practice.

For Heil, the most rewarding experience from playing football is becoming part of a new family. "I feel like I belong to something special, something that is actually making a difference. Every year the team sends a few players into one of the local schools for a mentoring program. I was fortunate enough to be able to participate in this and absolutely loved it," Heil said. "I have definitely learned a lot about myself and others throughout my experiences with the Passion and I can't imagine my life without it."

What in the World? News in a flash by Beka Brown

Newlyweds spend honeymoon in jail

A newlywed couple spent their wedding night in a jail cell in Pittsburgh, Pa on April 26.

David W. Wielechowski, 32, and Christa Vattimo, 25, were arrested following a wedding ceremony held for a group of 150 friends and family. The two had officially married one month earlier in the Bahamas.

The jail stay was the result of an altercation between the bride, groom and several members of the wedding party following the reception. Following the wedding ceremony, according to an Associated Press release, the groom "karate kicked" his bride in the Holiday Inn where the reception was being held.

According to police, the assault climaxed when two guests were injured by the bride during the fight. The brawl began on the seventh floor and proceeded to the elevator and then to the lobby.

When police arrived, Wielechowski was on the floor of the lobby and Vattimo was screaming. The two were charged with simple assault, criminal mischief and disorderly conduct. Additionally, Vattimo was charged with public intoxication. The couple will have a preliminary court date on May 7.

Police Sgt. Dave Syska was one of the responding officers. "It was pretty wild," Syska said.

Wielechowski and Vattimo had no comment to provide following the incident.

DNA clears Dallas murder convict

DNA evidence was responsible for releasing James Lee Woodard from prison after serving 27 years for a wrongful murder conviction.

According to the Innocence Project, a New York-based legal center, the Dallas native was held longer than any previous convict whose sentence was overturned by DNA testing. There have been 31 other convictions overturned because of DNA in the state of Texas, which is the highest amount in the United States.

In 1981, Woodard was convicted of raping and murdering his then 21-year-old girlfriend.

"I thank God for the existence of the Innocence Project," Woodard said. "Without that, I wouldn't be here today. I would be wasting away in prison."

The conviction was based on two eye witness accounts. One witness withdrew her testimony and the Innocence Project did not feel confident in the validity of the other woman's testimony.

Woodard claimed innocence throughout his entire jail stay. He filed six writs at an appeals court and two requests for DNA testing. He also became uninterested in parole hearings because they required admitting to crimes he maintained that he had not committed.

The Innocence Project was responsible for pursuing Woodard's requests and eventually aiding in his release.

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ARIES
MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Your mind is on the future and you may not be able to fully attend to people in real time. That's okay -- you should be able to get back to them pretty soon and you need to start making plans now.

TAURUS
APRIL 20 - MAY 20

At work or at home, you need to cope with people who are butting heads over some issue that doesn't matter to anyone other than them. You may even be one of the power players -- so watch out!

GEMINI
MAY 21 - JUNE 21

If there are any big issues on your plate right now, it's a good time to sit down somewhere comfortable and really think things through. Your mental energy is up to almost any challenge.

CANCER
JUNE 22 - JULY 22

You need to slow down and adapt to the situation as it develops -- which might take some doing! You can do this, as long as you are open to taking action even if it means ignoring other concerns.

LEO
JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Things aren't going your way, but that doesn't mean it's time to give up. If anything, you should try harder -- but only after taking a break to see if there are alternatives you haven't yet considered.

VIRGO
AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

You need to let people make mistakes today -- that's how they learn! You should focus your energy on creative pursuits, if possible and let them come to you for assistance if they feel the need.

LIBRA
SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

You are having far more fun than you thought you would, especially given the odd circumstances! It's all thanks to your easygoing energy -- people want to relax around you all day long.

SCORPIO
OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

Don't be too surprised if something you suggest leads to an argument, or at least a serious discussion, today. That's for the best, because people are in the mood to move toward change.

SAGITTARIUS
NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Your brain is working overtime and you are having a much easier time picking up new concepts, no matter how complex they may be. School work is especially simple -- as is long-range planning.

CAPRICORN
DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Your mind returns to financial issues today, though there may be no explicit reason for it. It may be a good time to consider new investments, though you won't want to try anything too risky.

AQUARIUS
JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

You are in an excellent position to attract a new job -- or a new romance! You are even more attractive than usual, thanks to your good energy, so get out there and make a few good impressions!

PISCES
FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Evidence you uncover later today should make you realize that certain plans are unrealistic -- but you find it easy to shift gears, so that shouldn't be a major problem for you at this point.

The Book Nook: Watership Down

By JILL KAUFFMAN
Flashlight Writer

Watership Down, written by Richard Adams, was first published in 1972. It tells the story of rabbits searching for a new home. Fiver, a small rabbit who can tell when things are going to happen good or bad, tells his brother Hazel that their home, called a warren, is in danger. They go to see the chief rabbit, but the chief does not believe them.

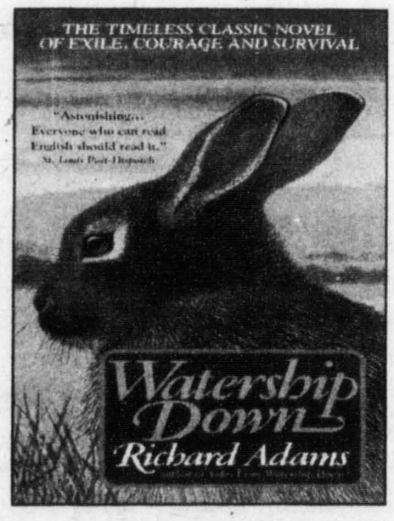


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Watership Down was published in 1972 and became an international bestseller.

Hazel and Fiver convince other rabbits to leave and try to find a new home with them.

They face many adventures before finding a place to start their new home.

When they settle down in their new field, two rabbits from the original warren find Hazel and tell him about a poisoning that occurred at the old warren.

The rabbits soon realize that there are no female rabbits in the warren. They befriend a bird who tells them of a nearby warren where they can find females. This results in a battle between the warrens.

To learn about their adventures and to find out what happens to Hazel, Fiver and their friends, check out Richard Adams' Watership Down.

This day in history:

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On this day in 1931, President Herbert Hoover officially dedicated New York City's Empire State Building, pressing a button from the White House that turns on the building's lights. Hoover's gesture, of course, was symbolic; while the president remained in Washington, D.C., someone else flicked the switches in New York.

The idea for the Empire State Building is said to have been born of a competition between Walter Chrysler of the Chrysler Corporation and John Jakob Raskob of General Motors, to see who could erect the taller building. Chrysler had already begun work on the famous Chrysler Building, the gleaming 1,046-foot skyscraper in midtown Manhattan. Not to be bested, Raskob assembled a group of well-known investors, including former New York Governor Alfred E. Smith. The group chose the architecture firm Shreve, Lamb and Harmon Associates to design the building. The Art-Deco plans, said to have been based on the look of a pencil, were also builder-friendly: The entire building went up in just over a year, under budget (at $40 million) and ahead of schedule. During certain periods of building, the frame grew an astonishing four-and-a-half stories a week.

At the time of its completion, the Empire State Building, at 102 stories and 1,250 feet high (1,454 feet to the top of the lightning rod), was the world's tallest skyscraper. The Depression-era construction employed as many as 3,400 workers on any single day, most of whom received an excellent pay rate, especially given the economic conditions of the time. The new building imbued New York City with a deep sense of pride, needed in the depths of the Great Depression, when many city residents were unemployed and prospects looked bleak. The grip of the Depression on New York's economy was still evident a year later, however, when only 25 percent of the Empire State's offices had been rented.

In 1972, the Empire State Building lost its title as world's tallest building to New York's World Trade Center, which was the tallest skyscraper for but a year. Today the honor belongs to Taiwan's Taipei 101 building, which stretches 1,670 feet into the sky.

Wikipedia to be on bookstore shelves next fall

By NANCY EDWARDS
Flashlight Writer

Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia community, will be available in a print version.

Bertelsmann AG, a German publishing house, is planning to sell a print copy of the German language version of Wikipedia. The Wikipedia print edition will be called "The One-Volume Wikipedia Encyclopedia." It will include about 50,000 entries of the most searched terms in the past year on the German edition of Wikipedia.

Arne Klempaert, a spokesperson for Wikipedia Germany, said the "approach of 'Wikipedia in One Volume' is to give the people the information they are looking for."

Wikipedia is a free, online encyclopedia based community where web users can list and edit entries as they wish. Wikipedia has had the reputation of being a faulty source because anyone with a computer can write an entry. Some high school teachers and college professors list on their syllabi not to use Wikipedia as a source for this reason. Bertelsmann insisted that the entries will be fact checked before being published.

Kul Wadhwa, head of business development for the Wikimedia Foundation, the nonprofit organization that promotes Wikipedia, is excited for the company. "This is ground breaking. Getting a big publishing powerhouse like Bertelsmann behind this is a success in and of itself," Wadhwa said.

Wikipedia and Bertelsmann are comparing the printed encyclopedia to a yearbook, claiming that it is similar in the fact of highlighting the important and popular words of the past year. According to Bertelsmann the entries are selected based on popularity and not relevance.

A concern that Wikipedia and Bertelsmann have are the hyperlinks that are available online. The Wikipedia web site has hyperlinks that direct web browsers to a variety of related entries and additional information. In the 992 page encyclopedia, this is not an option. Wikipedia and Bertelsmann are concerned that avid users of Wikipedia will find that as a downfall, since the hyperlinks are an advantage to Wikipedia.

The German version of Wikipedia is the second largest in size, with the English-version as first. Depending on how the book sells, English and other languages may also be published.

Beate Varnhorn, publishing director at Bertelsmann, believes the one-volume print edition will bring Wikipedia to a newer and larger audience. "The Wikipedia encyclopedia will help allow knowledge to be spread worldwide and become more accessible," Varnhorn said.

"The One Volume Wikipedia Encyclopedia" will go on sale in Germany in September and will cost about $32.

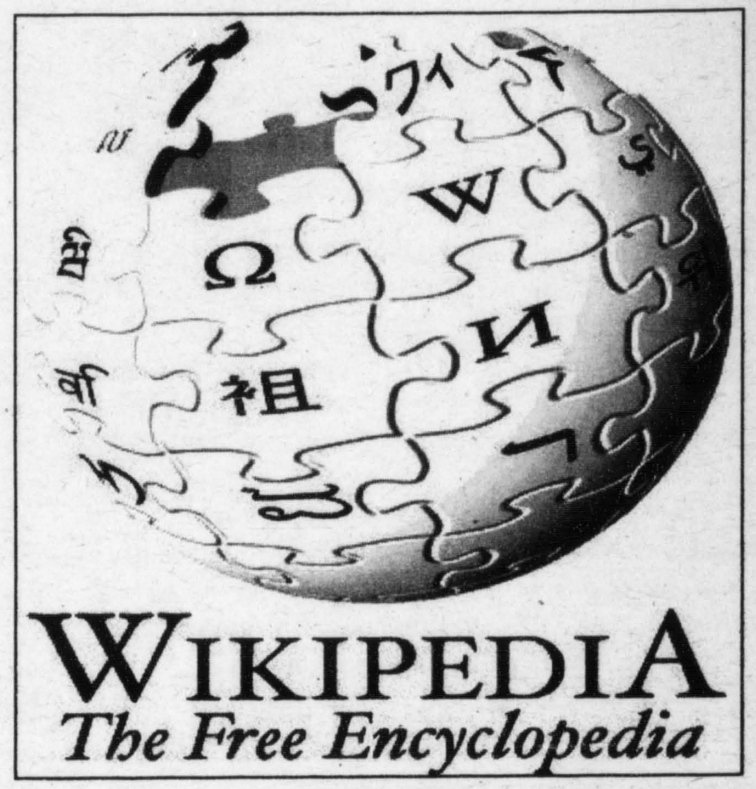


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Wikipedia is hoping that the German edition of its bound entries will become such a success that English speaking nations will soon follow suit.

Sweatpants are always in: a tribute to Ebo

By KIMBERLEE BLOCKER
Flashlight Fashion Writer

They are comfy, oversized and can be worn all year round.

Sweatpants are the type of clothing that will never go out of style. They come in all colors, styles and types of fabric. Whether they have the Mansfield logo cascading down the side of the leg or just a simple Nike Swoosh on the right thigh you can always look good in sweatpants.

Some of the things that should be taken in consideration are that sweatpants are meant for comfort and they should not be excessively tight…unless that is your ideal of "comfort." Make sure to pick your actual size.

Anyone who has experience with wearing sweatpants knows that they have the tendency to run a little big. So do not grab an XXL when you wear a medium. Not only will you continuously have to pull up your sweatpants throughout the day, but you will also experience what I call "saggy crotch syndrome," which is when the crotch of your pants is entirely too big and sags in the front. This advice also goes to those who wear their sweatpants relatively tight. Do not grab a small when you wear an XL. Tight sweatpants not only look uncomfortable but they will create bulge and no one likes bulge!

Although sweatpants are for days of relaxation and comfort, you can still make them look fashionable and fresh.

Men can always go with the fresh and crisp white t-shirt that fits with just about every outfit and a nice pair of fresh white sneakers. Not only will the white shirt work with any color sweatpants but it is a simple and easy outfit to put together.

Women: dress up your sweats a little bit. Instead of an oversized baggy shirt go for a more form fitting top and add accessories to stand out. Instead of sneakers break out and wear flip flops that possibly match the top or the accessories, once again an outfit that takes seconds to put together. Also, ladies' sweatpants with the words 'cute,' 'wild,' 'bootylicious,' 'diva,' and etc are played out! Let them go (unless you are working out) and upgrade to some new sweats.

Sweatpants may be comfortable and the ideal outfit for any college student but they can also be costly. Instead of rushing out and buying sweats that are about the same price as a new pair of sneakers, make wise decisions. Wait until they go on sale or buy the different brand. You do not have to buy the most expensive pair but remember you always get what you pay for. Do not buy sweats for only five dollars unless they are of good quality!

Remember that comfort and confidence are key and that cannot be stressed enough. In need of a few more pointers or unsure of what type of sweatpants are right for you? Just look for our own personal fashion expert, Ebo. He'll be happy to help!

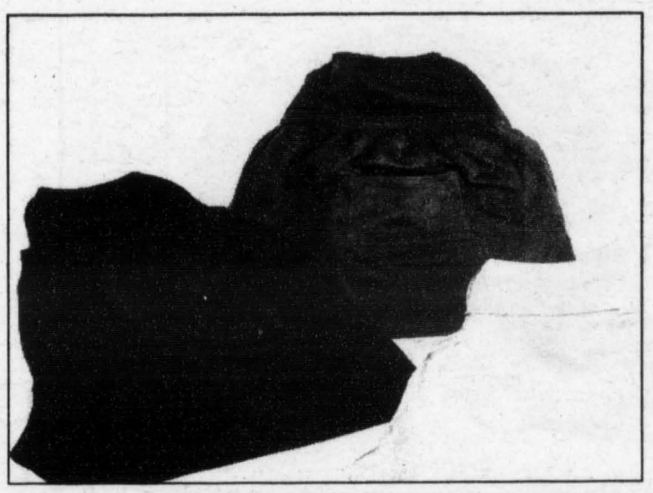


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The Morning Of plays for Mansfield students

By DANELLE MILLER
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

The Morning Of (TMO) performed in Jazzman's Cafe on Thursday, April 24.

The concert was hosted by WNTE and Mansfield Activities Council (MAC).

The Newburgh natives are on tour and will end their tour on May 10 in Albany.

The new line up has been together since August and has developed a devoted fan base on sites such as Myspace and Facebook.

Bassist Abir Hossain commented on touring at colleges. "College kids are our age. It's cool to talk to them and hang out with them," guitarist/pianist Chris Petrosino said.

TMO will play their first festival on May 3 -- Bamboozle in New Jersey. "We get to play the same day as some of our favorite bands. It's an amazing feeling," Hossain said. "And it's an honor," drummer Jimmi Kane said. "We're going to get recognition. "

"We work all day and it's important that someone acknowledges who we are," vocals Justin Wiley said.

The band brings a variety of influences to the band, ranging from The Fray, Goo Goo Dolls, Fall Out Boy, Third Eye Blind and many others.

The idea to bring TMO to Mansfield began with Mozart Guerrier, MAC president, wanting to bring smaller performances to Mansfield. He approached WNTE with the idea.

Kaela Mast, WNTE's assistant general manager, and Dustin Ford, WNTE's production manager, began the search for a band.

Their search ended with TMO. "We saw The Morning Of on iTunes, smartpunk and other sites," Ford said. "We wanted to bring students a concert with bands they might recognize and were still inexpensive."

To check out TMO, go to www.myspace.com/themorningofrock. TMO has also released their debut album, "The World As We Know It" through Tragic Hero Records.

"We just want to continue to sell CD's and be on tour," Hossain said. "We're trying to reach new people everyday."



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TMO recently released their first cd titled "The World As We Know It" and will be playing in the upcoming Bamboozle festival in New Jersey on May 3.

Norwegian scientists explain brain lapses

By KAY BARRETT
Flashlight Writer

Ever have one of those "duh" moments when you completely zone out? Can't remember your social security number, e-mail password or someone's name? Stop blaming yourself for these flubs and start blaming your brain.

Scientists at the University of Bergen in Norway have discovered that brain farts are connected to abnormal brain activity that can occur up to half a minute before a mistake is made.

According to MSNBC.com, the team of researchers at the University of Bergen took a group of volunteers and probed them with electrodes generated through MRI in order to detect and monitor brain activity. The researchers were shocked at their findings.

Tom Eichele is a neuroscientist at the University of Bergen and involved in the study.

"We thought initially that it would be quite remarkable if we were to find abnormal activity six or so seconds ahead," Eichele said. "That the entire process spans across a much longer time scale was quite astonishing and spooked us, such that we checked this finding over and over again."

During their studies, scientists found that different areas of the brain start acting strangely before a mistake is made. MSNBC.com reports, "One set of brain regions that is normally active only when a person is awake and relaxed began to firing up – in other words, it is as if the brain started resting. At the same time, another group of brain regions that is usually lively when a person is sustaining effort on a task began toning down."

Although the strange brain activity occurs before the mistake, scientists found that after a person makes the mistake the abnormal activity begins to disappear as if the brain is back on track. The researchers on this project believe that the brain is trying hard to conserve energy, but when the brain begins to conserve too greatly mistakes or brain farts occur.

Eichele and the other scientists involved are hoping that they can use their findings to help predict or stop mistakes before they happen, since brain farts during serious activities such as driving could prove fatal. However, the scientists are hoping that they can develop a more portable brain wave detection system than the MRI.

According to MSNBC.com the scientists wish to create a "mind-reading hat" which will allow them to pick up brain waves and detect activity. Eichele hopes that by using electrodes he can detect abnormal brain activity in a variety of circumstances.

"We might also take experiments into virtual reality---virtual car driving, virtual piloting---to look for these signals," Eichele said.

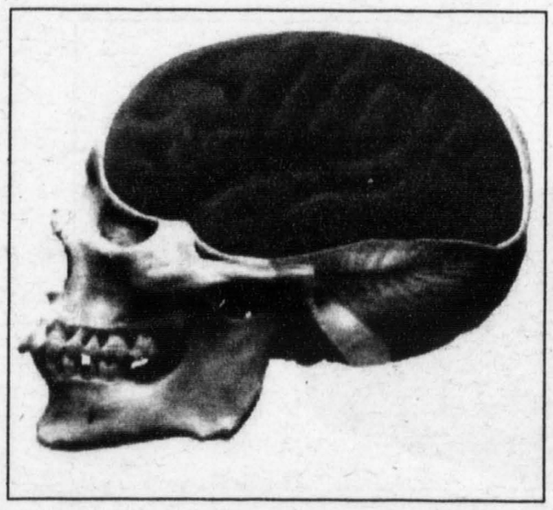


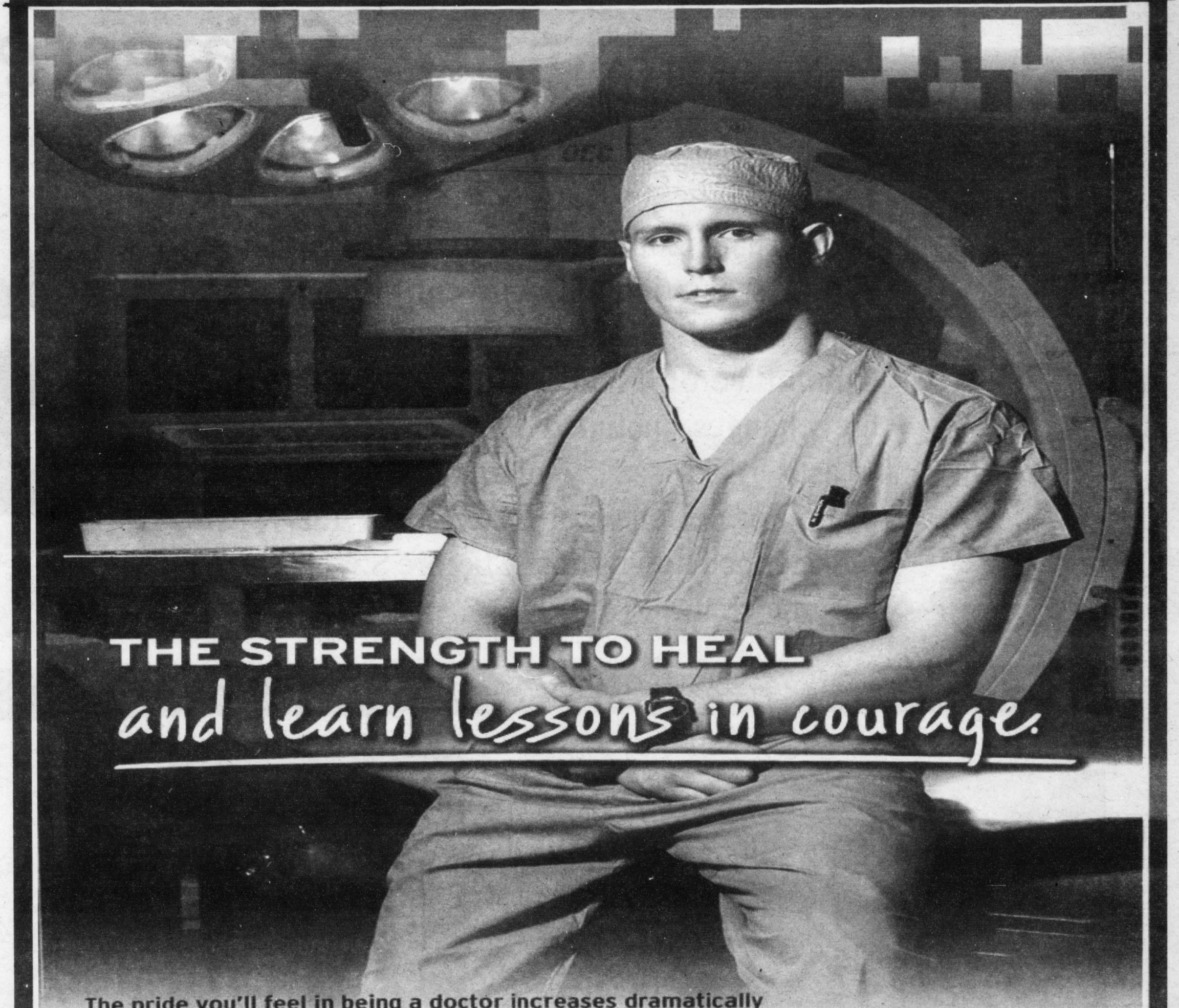
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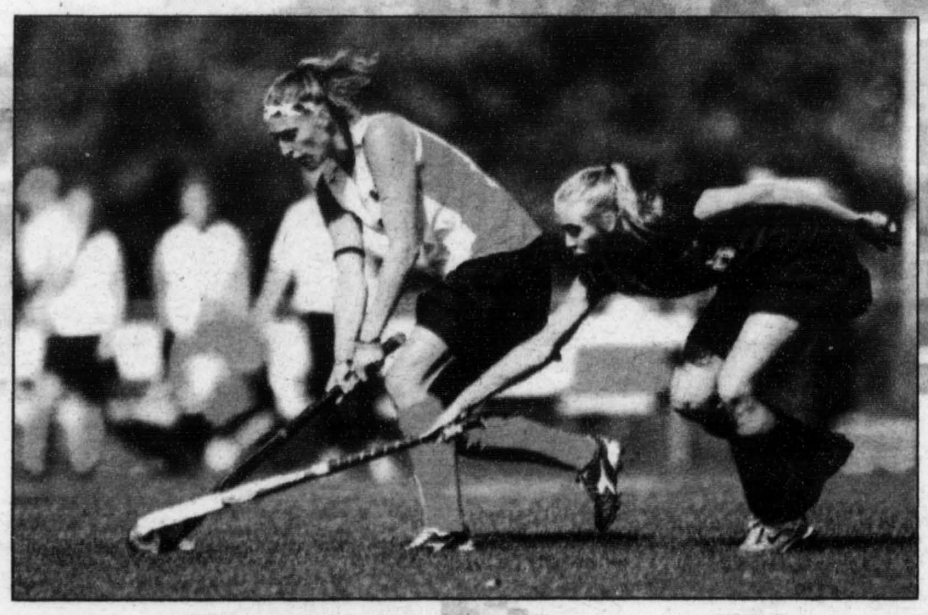
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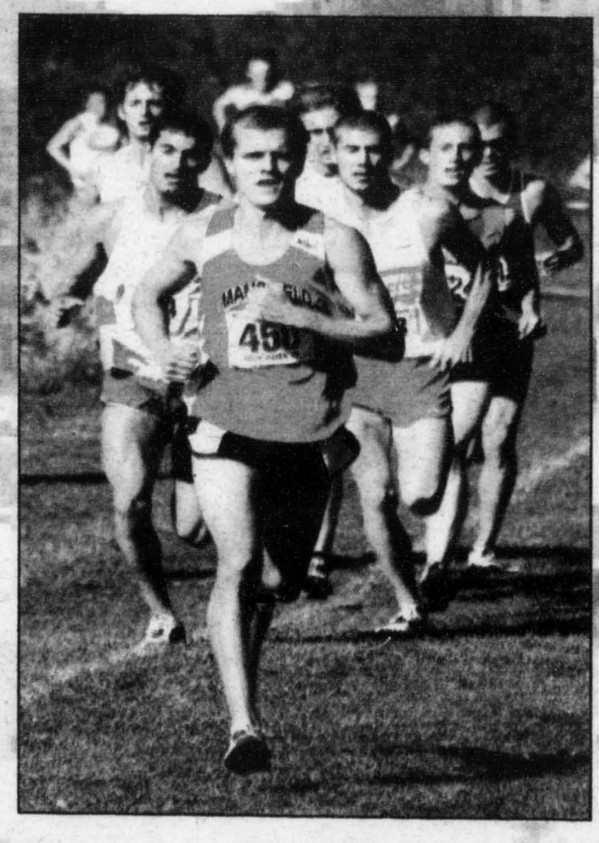
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In February 2008 the Student Government Association (SGA) went through with its proposal to restructure the Committee on Finance (COF). One of the changes included electing SGA's treasurer Marisa Szynal as the chair of COF. Former chair of COF Corey Tarreto stepped down shortly before Szynal became chair.





In February 2008 the Mansfield University field hockey team was named the top academic program in NCAA Division II with a 3.42 GPA.

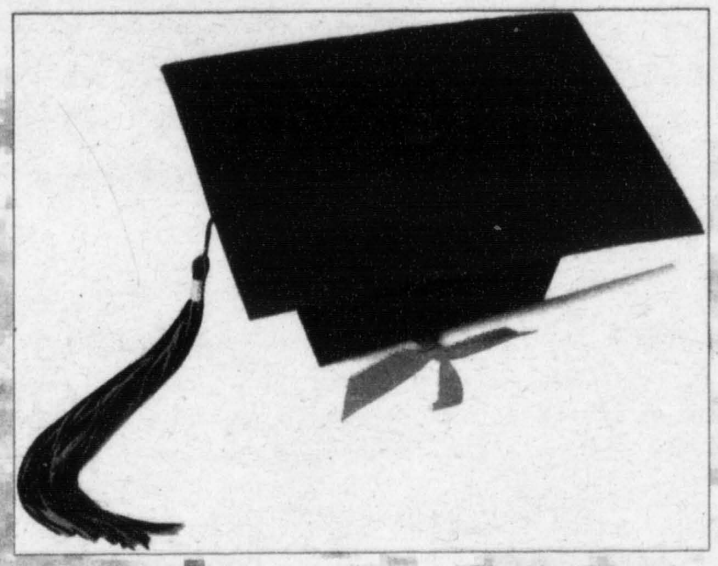


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On April 4, 2008 country music trio Lady Antebellum performed at Straughn Hall for students free of charge. On April 15 rock band Third Eye Blind continued the concert festivities by playing in Decker Gymnasium.



On Saturday May 10 Mansfield Univeristy graduates will participate in commencement. Goodbye and good luck to Ebo, Kara, Carrie, Kate, Lengel and Brittany!

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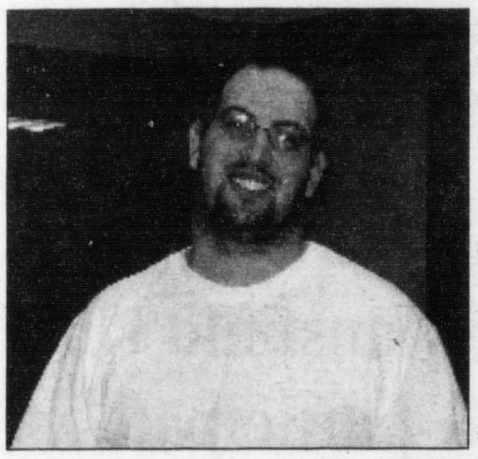
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Opinion & Editorial

"from the editor's desk"

Goodbye from The Flashlight



This is the last edition of *The Flashlight* for the semester and time to say goodbye to the editors leaving and to introduce the new ones.

First of all, thanks to Kara Newcomer for all of the hard work she has put into *The Flashlight* for the past four years. She has spent a lot of long nights trying to put out the best paper possible.

Next is features editor, Carrie Goodyear. Carrie has a done a great job switching to features editor this semester after being the news co-editor last semester.

Mike Lengel was our photography editor this semester, after spending last semester as the features editor. Lengel will head to Seattle, Wash. to be a studio production assistant.

Brittany Serafini was also a features editor for the Flashlight and helped out as a copy editor this year. Kate Keough also helped us out this semester as a copy editor.

Now to introduce next year's staff. Laura Hall will take over as editor-in-chief. Laura has been a news co-editor this semester and will do a great job next year as the editor.

Danelle and Nicole will be back as sports editors. The two wacky Duke fans have kept the office entertaining, have gotten better each issue and they will continue to do a great job next year.

Rebecca Hazen will be back as news co-editor and will be joined by Beka Brown. They will do a great job with the news section.

Jill Kauffman and Kay Barrett will take over the features section for Carrie. Jill and Kay have great minds for design and will follow in Lengel's and Carrie's footsteps and do a great job with features.

Finally I'd like to wish the graduating class good luck on finals and best of luck in the future.

And to returning students, best of luck on your finals and enjoy the rest of your time in college. It will go by quick.

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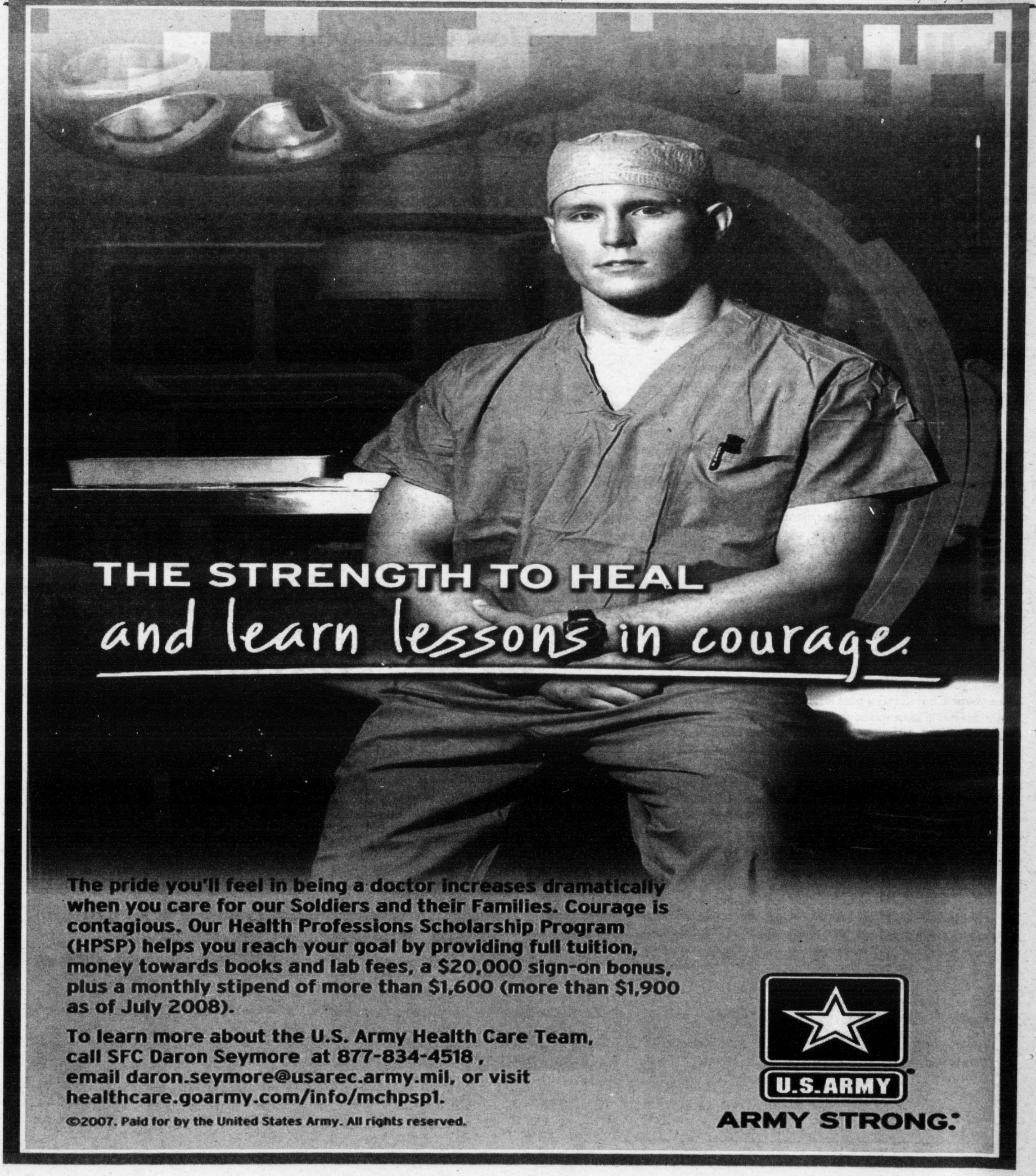
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Talk to Tarreto

Dear Reader,

Since this is my last column I have decided to write a letter to you. I really appreciate those of you who have let me know how much you have enjoyed my little segment in the *Flashlight* and have given me great feedback on the "advice" I give. I especially need to thank Dr. Murray (psychology), Elizabeth Shaffer (Advocacy Center) and Kara and Ebo (the two editors I have worked with) for their encouragement and support. I've really enjoyed answering your questions every week and it has certainly been one of the experiences I will always remember when I think of my time here at Mansfield. For those of you who may have missed reading any of the letters and responses, here are the top 10 most important ideas I think have been discussed:

10) Get the most out of all aspects of your education and experience new things!
9) The "morning after pill" is not abortion and always use 2 forms of contraception!
8) "Friends with benefits" never ever works!!
7) Only when you like yourself will others want to be with you long term
6) Don't put up with someone who's being unfair to you!
5) When you make "grown-up" decisions be prepared to face "grown-up" consequences
4) Being a tactful, mature, adult is best in conflict situations
3) Be respectful of others if you want to be respected
2) Get over it! Stop whining and move on with your life!
1) COMMUNICATION IS KEY!

As I looked back through this past year's columns I decided I wanted to leave some parting words with you as I prepare to graduate. I think as all of us in the class of '08 near graduation we begin to become nostalgic. I know most underclassmen can't wait to get the heck out of here, and part of me feels that way too. I've been saying for a while now that if I have to write another paper any time soon I might go insane. But, there's another part of me that will miss this place (all the good and bad) because of what it has done for me. The people here have been with me as I have become the mature adult I somehow turned out to be. The scenery of this place has been the backdrop for countless unforgettable experiences. Of course there are things that frustrate me to no end. However, especially when finishing out a chapter of your life, I think it's important that you can look back on it and smile with gratitude and be flooded with happy memories.

My advice for graduates: STOP! Take a minute before graduation to sit down and really think about what's about to happen. We are entering uncharted territory. For a lot of us we will for the first time in our lives, not be able to define ourselves as students. Now hopefully your time here has helped you come up with other, more meaningful, ways to define yourself, but still it's a huge loss of an identity! Make sure you think about this and mourn this loss in some way so that you can enter the next stage of your life fully prepared so that hopefully a sudden realization of "holy crap, everything is different now!" won't hit you later on. Also remember these are the last days you will be here as a student. So while you need to study for that calc final and finish that Bosworth essay, remember to have fun and soak in as much of the great things about Mansfield as you can. Also remember that too much fun comes at a cost and doing something really dumb right before graduation is a mistake all too often made by celebrating seniors. Find that balance and you'll have a great final few weeks to wrap up your college career.

My advice for all: There are a few things I've learned as a psychology major that I think are important for everyone to know. First is that each person you meet, run into, or just pass by on the sidewalk has an entire world going on inside them. They are filled with past experiences, thoughts, and ideas that effect the way they behave. Just looking at a person can never tell you enough about them to judge whether their behavior is "wrong". There are often deep seeded reasons why people do the things they do and often we'll never know why. Related to this idea is that everyone is doing the best they can for the situations they are in. It's hard to remember this and be empathic when someone's really getting on your nerves, but try to remember that there is probably a reason they're doing whatever it is that bothers you, and while it may not be the best way for them to deal with their problems, it's what helping them survive at the moment. All of us need "counseling" of some sort and we should never be ashamed to talk or share our feelings (it usually helps a lot more than you would think). Self-knowledge is always useful and especially helps during times of stress and conflict. But most importantly, have fun! Relax and go with the flow. Get your work done, try not to stress, and make sure you enjoy what you do! It's been a great four years, thanks to everyone who has made it so!

Sincerely,

Tarreto

How well do you know... JUNO

1. What is Bleeker's favorite candy bar?
   a. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
   b. Starbursts
   c. Tic Tacs
   d. Mr. Goodbar

2. What type of phone does Juno have?
   a. a taco
   b. a hamburger
   c. a hot dog
   d. a salami

3. What was Juno's step sister's name?
   a. June Bug
   b. Lula Belle
   c. Lady Liberty
   d. Liberty Bell

4. What is Juno's drink of choice in the film?
   a. Blue Slurpees
   b. Coke
   c. Mountain Dew
   d. Cherry Slushies

5. What was Juno named after?
   a. The city in Alaska
   b. A constellation
   c. A Roman Goddess
   d. I dunno, Juno?

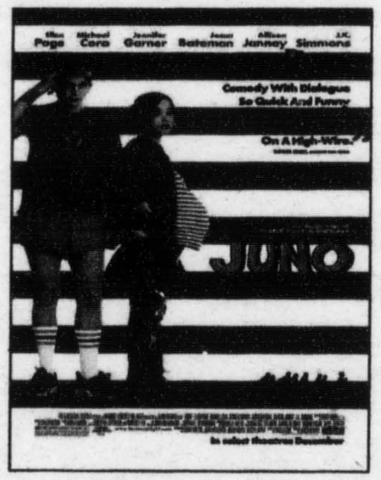


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6. What did Juno grab from the van to write a note?
   a. a dunkin' donuts receipt
   b. a jiffy lube receipt
   c. a drug store receipt
   d. a matchbook

7. What flavor is the condom that Juno is offered at the clinic?
   a. Boysenberry
   b. Razzberry
   c. Snozberry
   d. Blueberry

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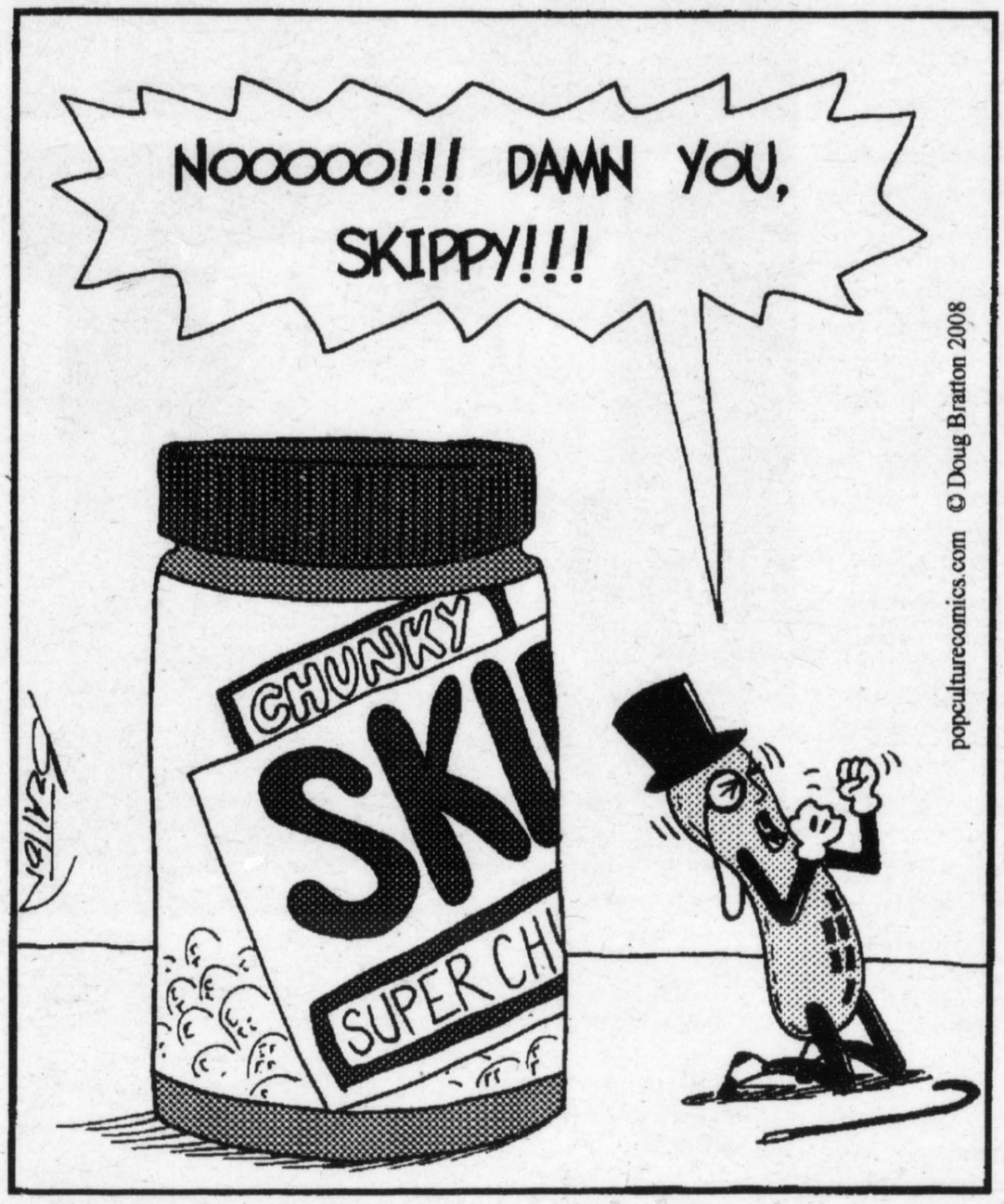
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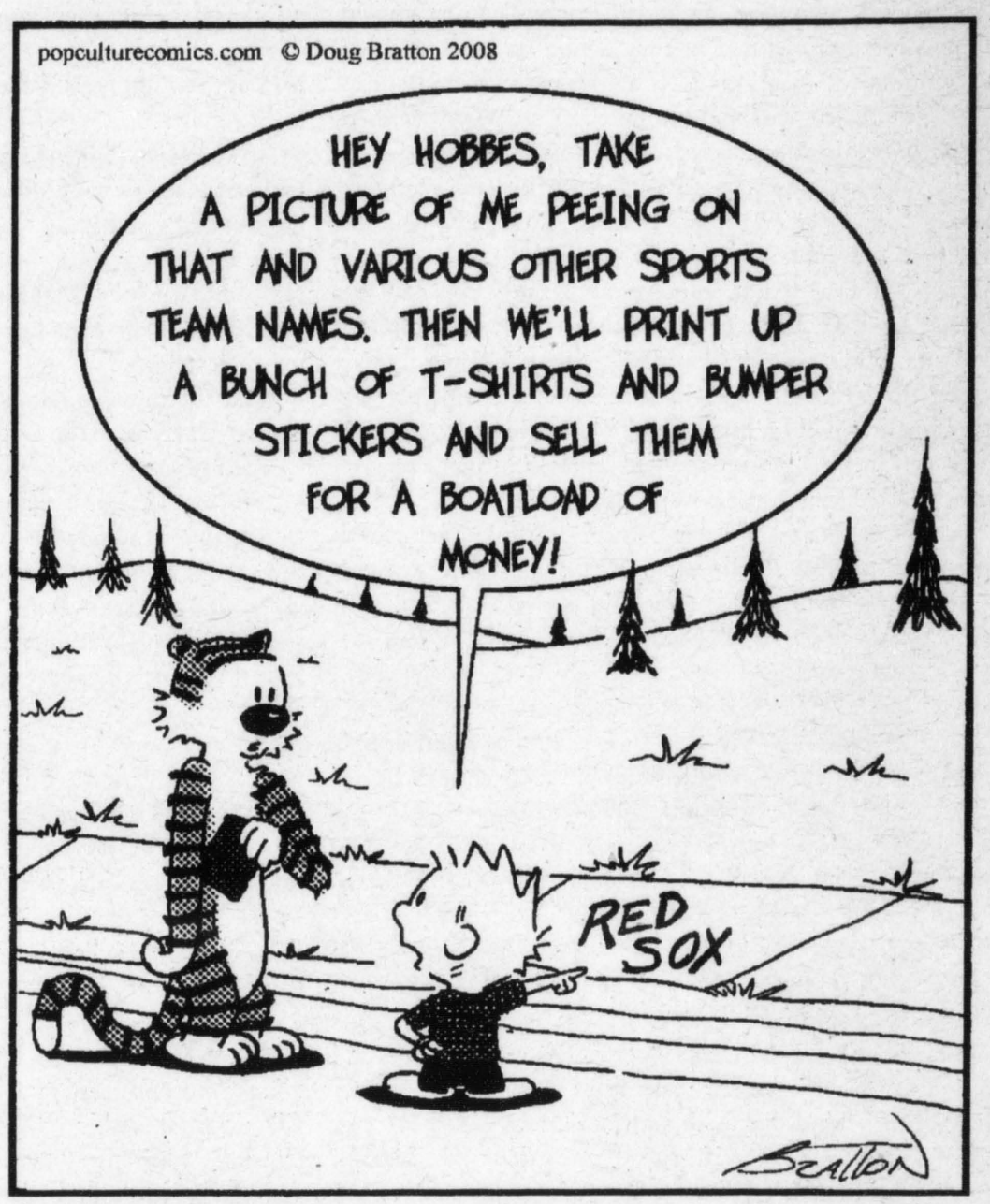
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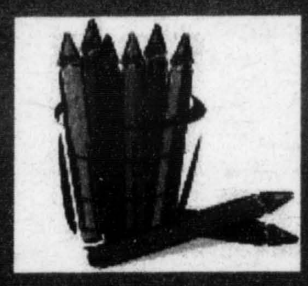
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On the Sidelines with Ryan Giblin: Following Baseball Tradition

By NICOLE HAGAN
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

Baseball is a game of tradition. It's easy to separate the ones who love it from the ones who do not. It is the fan who makes it to every home game and the player who wakes up each morning hoping it is spring – hoping to hear lawn mowers outside cutting grass. It is the player who cannot wait to slide in the dirt and rip holes in his newly washed uniform. It is knocking down catchers while trying to steal home and it is routine superstitions every time a player goes up to bat. You always hear that "baseball is baseball" – but to many it is much more.

Ryan Giblin, senior captain and shortstop for the Mansfield baseball team, is one of those people. In Friday's final home game against Bloomsburg, with a warm breeze sweeping through the dugout and the sound of kids playing on the bleachers, Giblin hit his fourth home run of the season – a two run home run over the left center field fence to give Mansfield a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first.

A three year starter who was named All-PSAC East second team honors last year, Giblin hit an RBI single down the right field line in the bottom of the twelfth to give Mansfield a 6-5 win over West Chester. He finished his season with a .425 batting average, was second on the team with 74 hits, had 11 doubles, four home runs and led the team with two triples.

Giblin is a role model - an example of how an athlete should perform under pressure. Whether it is stepping up to the plate with two outs and the game on the line or making a play at shortstop to keep the opposition in check, he is an individual that the team should learn from in terms of focus and dedication. "Giblin does everything," head coach Harry Hillson once said. "He fields, hits, runs. The only thing he doesn't do is pick up the bats at the end of the day – but even sometimes he does that."

Giblin's impressive defense is obvious when Leslie Noel, pitcher Tyler Noel's mother, jokes from the bleachers saying "you guys just stand out there and look pretty – Gibby's got it." Against Bloomsburg in the final home game of the season, he made a backwards catch on a hit into shallow center field and he made his own double play after catching a hard hit and tagging second to end the seventh inning.

There is much love for the captain of the Mansfield baseball team, which is understandable considering the love he has for his teammates and the sport. After interviewing him, I came to realize that he is a player with a lot of respect for the tradition of baseball. He respects the tough competition he goes up against and the companionship of his teammates on the field. Most of all, he respects that one has to work to be successful in life. It is Giblin's hard work that has helped the Mountaineers earn a 10-10 conference record this season and it is through his love of the game that he has become part of Mansfield's impressive baseball tradition.

Nicole Hagan: How long have you been playing baseball?
Ryan Giblin: I have been playing baseball for as long as I can remember.

NH: I heard you played basketball in high school. Did you play any other sports growing up?
RG: Growing up my friends and I would play all types of sports from roller hockey to bowling. When I got older I just stuck to baseball and basketball. I seemed to excel more in those two sports.

NH: Why did you decide to stick with baseball and not basketball or any of the other sports?
RG: Baseball had always been my favorite and it was the one sport I thought I might have a shot at if I played at the college level.

NH: How did you first become interested in baseball?
RG: When I was little, I was always playing catch with someone in my family - so that is where the interest first started.

NH: You came to Mansfield in 2003 and red-shirted in 2004 - your first season. Why did you red-shirt in 2004?
RG: At the time we had an incredible shortstop named Travis Wurster, a junior playing the spot. Coach Hillson thought it was in my best interest to red-shirt that year and gain some experience from watching him rather than playing. It actually turned out to be a great decision. I got to learn a lot from Travis and the older guys on that team and got the opportunity to start three years at shortstop because of it.

NH: What kind of things did you learn from watching Travis play?
RG: One of the things Travis showed me was how to deal with adversity at the college level. You're not going to be successful one hundred percent of the time against the type of competition we face everyday, so you have to stay motivated even through the struggling.

NH: Why did you decide to come to Mansfield University?
RG: In high school I was not recruited to play baseball anywhere. When I was doing my college searching, I saw all the success that Mansfield has had in Division II over the recent past and decided to give it a try.

NH: How do you train to stay competitive for baseball? What do standard practices entail? Do you do anything extra outside of the practices to keep in competitive condition like workout routines or summer leagues?
RG: Coach Francis and Coach Hillson give each player a very detailed workout regime that starts from the first day we get to campus right up until the beginning of the season. At a regular practice you will see Coach Francis taking the pitchers through player specific drills and Coach Hillson working a few hours everyday with the hitters. The coaches also do a great job of finding us places to play in the summer that have us up against some of the top competition in the country.

NH: How do you feel the team has progressed throughout the season, despite missing the opportunity to go to PSAC's this year? What were you feeling after the losses and how are you feeling now that the season is over?
RG: We knew going into the games that Bloomsburg was not just going to give us the wins. They pitched very well and shut us down the entire day. We are disappointed that we could not pull out the wins but next years team will be ready to pick up where we left off. That team should have higher expectations then we had this year, and should continue to be successful. Every player on the team knows about the winning tradition at Mansfield. Although this year and last year didn't quite go as planned, we are optimistic about our chances of not only going to PSAC playoffs, but competing in Regionals and possibly even the World Series in the years to come.



PHOTO COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION
Ryan Giblin, senior shortstop for the Mountaineers, finished the season with .425 batting average, 74 hits, 11 doubles, four home runs and two triples.

NH: You were in the playoffs two years ago. Is it a whole different ballgame going into the championships or would you say it's just like going out and playing any other baseball game? If it is different, how is it different?
RG: The PSAC playoffs are like a completely different season. It doesn't matter what you did during the year, if you are in those playoffs you are playing to win it all. The games get more and more intense as they get more important down the line.

NH: The opener on senior day against Millersville was a good day for a lot of guys on the team, including yourself. You hit a two run home run and a double. Tell me a little bit about that day and why you feel you and the rest of the team played so well.
RG: Senior day was an amazing experience for me because some of my family and friends got to see me play here at Shaute, some even for the first time. I also have a close friend who pitches for Millersville. It just seemed that this weekend couldn't have been set up any better.

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NH: What does it mean to be the captain of the baseball team? What responsibilities do you try to uphold?
RG: The biggest thing I try to show the young guys is how much work you have to put into college athletics to be successful. Mansfield baseball has been extremely successful in the past and that type of tradition doesn't happen without a lot of work.

NH: What has been your most rewarding experience during college baseball?
RG: Being named captain of a group of great ballplayers.

NH: What has been your most difficult task to overcome through college baseball?
RG: The most difficult thing especially playing in such a good league is just facing good talent every day. You can't take many days off and still be successful.

NH: What motivates you to play baseball?
RG: My family has made a lot of sacrifices so that I could play college baseball. To think how hard they work everyday is an inspiration to me. Not being a scholarship player, my mother actually picked up a part-time second job. Whenever I need help, whether it be financial or just general support, they are always there for me.

NH: Who is your biggest role model or influence and why?
RG: I would say it is my entire family. They work hard everyday and I look up to each one of them.

NH: What were some of your personal goals and what were some of the team goals for this season?
RG: We had set our goals pretty high for this year. We hoped to be one of the last teams still playing in the country, and we had a real chance to do it, but things didn't go as planned.

NH: What's your major?
RG: I am a Math major and computer science major.

NH: What are your plans for after graduation? Do you hope to continue with baseball in any way after you graduate?
RG: I would love to play baseball after college but if I can't do that I will definitely get into coaching baseball at any level. If by chance I do not get the opportunity to coach or play- after college, I would like to try to teach.

NH: What memories or achievements will you take with you when you leave Mansfield and the Mansfield baseball team?
RG: My best memories will come from friendships I have made throughout my time here. I am also proud to walk away from Mansfield with a degree. As for baseball, not being able to play in the postseason was a real shock to our team, but I do not think it takes away from this year's success. The team is only losing Abe and I and we have some younger guys that will be ready come next year to step into the role of leaders. Even though we weren't able to send out a message through the playoffs, we did send a message to other teams in the PSAC as well as in the region that Mansfield is going to be a tough team now for years to come.

NH: Tell me a little about what it's like to play for the Mansfield baseball team.
RG: Mansfield has more tradition than most schools that I know of. To be apart of that is very special.

Word on the Street: With Nicole and Danelle

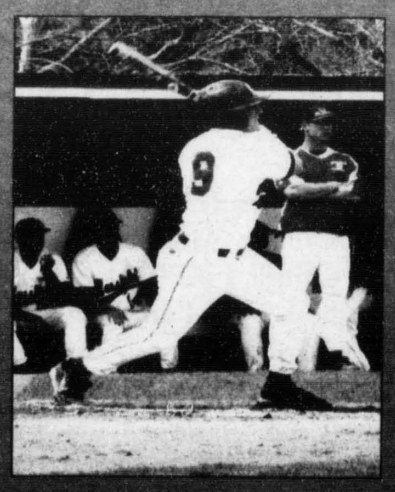
"Word on the Street" is the section where we ask an inquiring, deep, pensive question each week about current sports news - anyone on campus is at risk.

Q: What do you think about Barry Zito, who earns $126 million, being demoted to the bullpen?



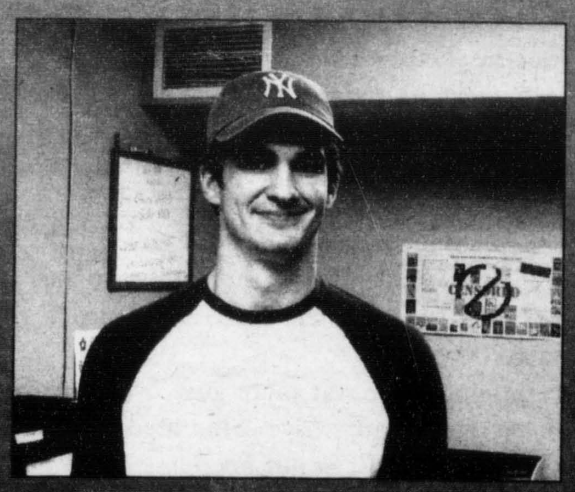
"The Giants are retarded for paying him that much money - that is WAY too much to be paying anyone."

Caleb Grove



"My friends and I joke that he's now the highest paid relief pitcher. I mean, everybody has a bad day, but that's pretty ridiculous. He definitely falls into the overrated category."

Tony Battisti
(catcher for the Mansfield baseball team)



"It's unfortunate all that money is going to the bullpen, but the team's goals are more important than individual goals."

Dan Ryan

Softball finishes season with win over Shippensburg

By ERIC BOHANNON
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

The Mansfield University softball team ended the season the same way they began, with a win. The Mountaineers defeated Shippensburg 3-2 on Saturday in the season finale to end the season with a 13-20 record, beating last year's win total by six games.

Shippensburg grabbed the early lead during the nightcap with a run in the top of the first but Mansfield fought back with a run in the bottom of the inning to tie the score 1-1. Mansfield then took the lead in the second inning when Nicole Yost hit her second home run in consecutive days. Shippensburg tied the game again with a run in the top of the third.

Mansfield scored the eventual go ahead run in the fifth when Kristina Poore led off with a single to left field. Sarah Cullen drove in Poore with an RBI double to right center field.

"Poore has been swinging a hot bat the second half of the season," head coach Edith Gallagher said. "Sarah's double really came at a great time."

Lindsay Knapp, who came on to pitch in the third inning, retired the final six batters in order to give Mansfield the 3-2 win.

"It was nice to finish with a win, especially beating a good team like Shippensburg," Gallagher said. "The win gives us momentum going into summer workouts."



PHOTO COURTESY OF DANIELLE KIERNAN
Jess Christ finished the season with a .400 batting average which was good enough to finish fourth in the PSAC.

Shippensburg won the first game 8-0. The Raiders scored five runs in the first inning, all of them coming unearned. The Mountaineers had only four base runners in the game. Whitney Brown and Katie McConville reached base with singles while Shana Markwis and Gab Carrullo reached with walks.

On Friday The Mountaineers dropped a pair of games to East Stroudsburg. Mansfield lost the first game 10-1 and dropped the second game 8-0.

Senior Jess Christ finished the season with a .400 batting average which was good enough to finish fourth in the PSAC while finishing seventh in on base percentage. Christ led the team in hits with 36, led the team in doubles with seven and tied Yost for the team lead in RBIs with 14. Markwis was second in RBIs with 13.

Freshman Nicole Yost finished second on the team with a .341 average while Megan Trutt hit .300. Janelle Antes led the team in runs scored with 20 while Yost was second with 17 runs scored. Yost led the team in walks on the season with 13.

Lindsay Knapp led the pitching staff with six wins and a 2.59 Earned Run Average while Whitney Brown picked up four wins on the season and Melissa Baer earned three wins.

Sprint Football begins spring practice

By DANELLE MILLER
Flashlight Sports Co-Editor

The sprint football team completed its first week of spring practice at Russell Practice Field.

The team assembled on April 22 and received their practice gear from head coach Dan Davis.

Approximately 30 students attended the practices. "They did really well. The guys worked hard, I was pleased," Davis said. "It was hard for some guys to get out of class, but hopefully most will come back in the fall."

The last day of practice was Wednesday, April 30. "I gave the players a workout calendar for the summer so they can get in shape for camp next semester," Davis said. Practice will start around August 30-31.

"We're hoping to recruit more guys over the summer," Davis said. "So far, 20 guys have committed. If we have between 30-35 commit, we'll be just fine."

Most of the team has never played football before. "We have some guys who have played before and some that haven't," Davis said. "But athletically, we're better than I thought we'd be."

The last two days of practice Davis tested the players quickness with shuttle runs and the 40 yard-dash. Other tests the players will go through at future practices include different position drills and "a lot of footwork and coordination type drills," Davis said.

Danny Moss was the first player recruited to Mansfield's sprint football program. Moss, a resident of Anchorage, Alaska, is transferring from the University of Saint Mary, Kan. Moss is preparing for the season by training with Acceleration Alaska in Anchorage.

Acceleration Alaska is a "premier sports training program that gives athletes the competitive edge with personalized sports training programs," according to Acceleration Alaska's web site.

Workouts Moss plans on using include running on high speed treadmills and pushing sleds. "I'll also go over the playbook, throw and go over fundamentals with my high school coach," Moss said.

Moss will tryout for quarterback next semester although he also has experience playing running back and defensive back.

Moss was going to transfer to Cornell University sprint before he signed on to play with Mansfield. "I had my paperwork ready for Cornell. I was looking online for registration information there, when I saw Mansfield had a sprint football program," Moss said. "It was just a better fit for me and my family. Cornell's fees were immensely high; Mansfield's sprint football was a blessing in disguise."

Mansfield will face Cornell, the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton, the United States Military Academy at West Point and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Steve McCloskey is the Sports Information Director at Mansfield. "We will be playing really good teams. Their teams have bee around for over 70 years," McCloskey said. "We're a young team and have never done this before, but this is a building year. We'll continue to get better as the season goes on."

Sprint football is restricted to players who are 172 pounds or less. "The biggest difference [between football and sprint] is speed and size," McCloskey said. "Sprint football is a teaching sport where the players continue to develop. You will see the ball thrown more and there will get a wide open scheme to the playing style. The pace of the offense and defense is also faster."

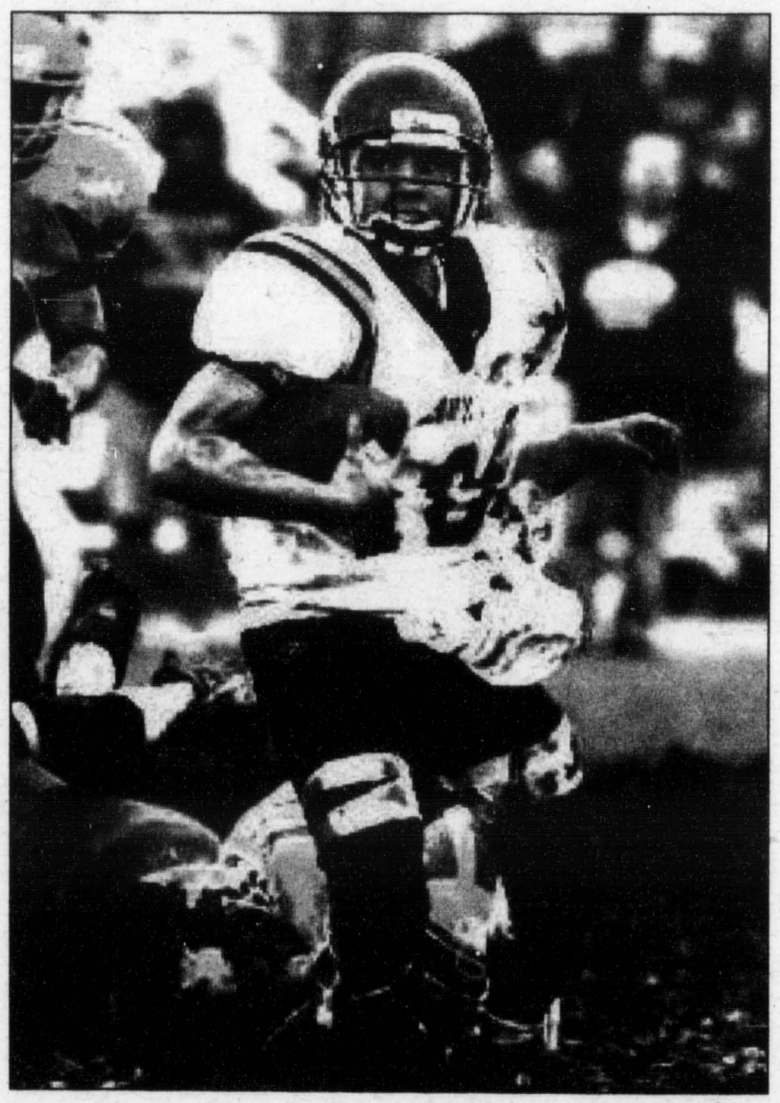


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Danny Moss was the first recruit for Mansfield's sprint football program. He is transferring from the University of Saint Mary's and will tryout for quarterback.

Mountaineer baseball ends season with 31-20 overall record

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The Mansfield baseball team ended their season after losing their final two games against Bloomsburg University on Sunday, April 27.

The Mountaineers needed to win all four of their final games against Bloomsburg to achieve a spot in the PSAC playoffs. Initially, their hopes for making it looked promising after Mansfield swept Bloomsburg in their final home doubleheader on Friday, April 25, but after losing both games in an away doubleheader that following Sunday, the Mountaineers dropped out of playoff contention. Their 10-10 conference record left them in fourth place in the Eastern Division and only the top three teams in the conference can advance to compete in the playoffs.

The Mountaineers swept Bloomsburg in the first doubleheader of the series with a 5-4 win in the opener and a 10-8 win in the nightcap.

Mansfield scored first in the opener, with a hit from Chris Miller that brought in Abe Yeakel for the 1-0 early lead.

The defense from both sides kept the teams scoreless for the next two innings until Bloomsburg's Matt Allen hit a two run homer in the top of the fourth to give the Huskies a 2-1 lead. Bloomsburg's Preston Hitchcock added another run to the Huskies' scoreboard, with an RBI single through the right side to score Anthony Forman in the top of the fifth.

Irv Sleighter, pitcher for Mansfield, ran into trouble after walking Allen to make the bases loaded with two outs. Sleighter was able to work his way out of the jam, however, and struck out the next batter. The Mountaineers walked away from the inning trailing 3-1.

"Experience has a lot to do with how Irv was able to handle himself on the mound on Friday," head coach Harry Hillson said. "Experience is our team's one downfall this year. We still have a reasonably young team and for players like Irv to step up like that is important."

Mansfield retaliated with a two run homer from Yeakel, his eleventh of the season, to tie the score at three in the bottom of the fourth.

Bloomsburg retook the lead in the seventh with an RBI single from Allen. Mansfield's shortstop Ryan Giblin was able to hold Bloomsburg after catching a line drive and tagging second for a double play to end the inning.

Giblin continued to put in the effort in the bottom of the seventh when he hit an RBI single through the right side to score Matt Young and tie the game at four. Mansfield was unable to score any more runs in the seventh and the game was sent into extra innings.

Mansfield was given their second opportunity to end the game in the bottom of the eighth, after keeping the Huskies scoreless in the top of the inning. With the bases loaded and one out, Tony Battisti hit an RBI single past the third baseman to bring in pinch runner Mike Hartz and give Mansfield the 5-4 win.

Sleighter pitched a complete game allowing just four runs while striking out two.

The Mountaineers kept the momentum going into the second game and won the nightcap 10-8.

Yeakel started off the nightcap with a double off the right field fence and was brought in off of a two run homer from Giblin to give Mansfield a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first. The home run was Giblin's fourth of the season.

Bloomsburg hit back in the top of the third, with an RBI single from Chris Tressler and a run off of a wild pitch from Eric Rosenberger to tie the score 2-2.

The tie was short-lived, however, and Yeakel started up the bats for Mansfield in the bottom of the inning with a two run home run to bring in Battisti. Yeakel's home run marked his twelfth of the season and gave the 4-2 lead back to the Mountaineers. Justin Garcia aided in two more runs in the inning with an RBI single to bring in Giblin and scored when he stole second and scored off two errors from Bloomsburg's catcher and center fielder.

Bloomsburg started to chip away at the lead with a sacrifice fly in the top of the fourth to bring in a run. A solo home run from Kevin Ward in the top of the fifth brought the Huskies within two runs.

Mansfield created plenty of cushion in the bottom of the inning when Miller hit an RBI double to left center and Grove hit a three run home run over the left center field fence. Grove's home run was his third of the season and gave the Mountaineers a 10-4 lead at the end of the fifth.

Rosenberger was relieved by Trevor Tellip in the sixth after pitching 5 and 2/3 innings. Bloomsburg picked up three runs after the exchange in addition to one RBI from Forman earlier in the inning to bring the score to 10-8. Mansfield earned no runs in the bottom of the inning and Tyler Noel was brought in to close the game in the seventh.

"Bloomsburg started getting a rally going in the sixth, so we decided to go to Noel in the seventh," Hillson said. "Luckily, we had ten runs, so we didn't really have to worry much – but we wanted to end the game on a strong note."

Neither team scored in the final inning and Mansfield walked away from Shaute Field with their second win of the day.

Giblin went 3-3 in the nightcap with two RBIs, while Grove contributed with a three run homer and Yeakel went 2-3 with two RBIs.

The final away games against Bloomsburg on Sunday, April 27 meant the end of the Mountaineer baseball season. Losing the opener 1-0 and the nightcap 3-1, Mansfield dropped to a fourth place position in the PSAC East, keeping them out of the playoffs.

Justin Garcia pitched a complete game in the opener, allowing just five hits and one run while striking out four. Unfortunately for the Mountaineers, that one run was the only run scored by either team.

Both teams remained scoreless for the first five innings until an RBI single from Carlos Medina brought in Allen to give Bloomsburg the 1-0 win. Mansfield out hit the Huskies 6-5, but could not manage to bring in any runs.

"The pitching and defense were close during the opener," Hillson said. "Unfortunately for us, there were a couple of instances when we had bases loaded or runners on first and second and we just couldn't get anybody in to score."

The Mountaineers went into the nightcap with broken playoff hopes and ultimately lost their final game of the season 3-1.

"The day was pretty much done after the first game," Hillson said.

Bloomsburg got off to an early lead when Hitchcock stole home in the bottom of the first. Mansfield retaliated with its only run of the day in the top of the third. After a double from Yeakel with two outs, Matt Young hit an RBI single to tie the game at one. Bloomsburg went on to score unanswered runs in the third and the fifth innings to give the Huskies the 3-1 win.

Young went 2-4 in the game with one RBI while Yeakel, Giblin and Jared Johnson all had one hit.

"We were close with our hitting in both games," Hillson said. "We out-hit them in the first game and they out-hit us in the second – we just didn't catch a whole lot of breaks that day. We had to win all four of our final games that weekend and we probably could have put ourselves into a better situation. Bloomsburg threw pretty well and you have to give credit to them too, but we could have put ourselves in a better situation."

Mansfield will lose two senior baseball players this season – first baseman Yeakel and shortstop Giblin.

"They were both tremendous this year," Hillson said. "They're great team players and they're the kind of guys you want to have in a baseball program. Hopefully some of our younger guys will step up play the same way next season."

The Mountaineers ended their season with a 10-10 conference record and a 31-20 overall record.

"We're pretty happy with the season as a whole. Everyone in the conference was tight this year and anytime you win 31 games and only lose 20 it's a good season," Hillson said. "Sometimes you wish the ball had bounced the other way – but that's baseball. We're now looking forward to next year and hoping to get more experience under our belt. We only have two seniors leaving us this season and there are a lot of things to look forward to in the future."

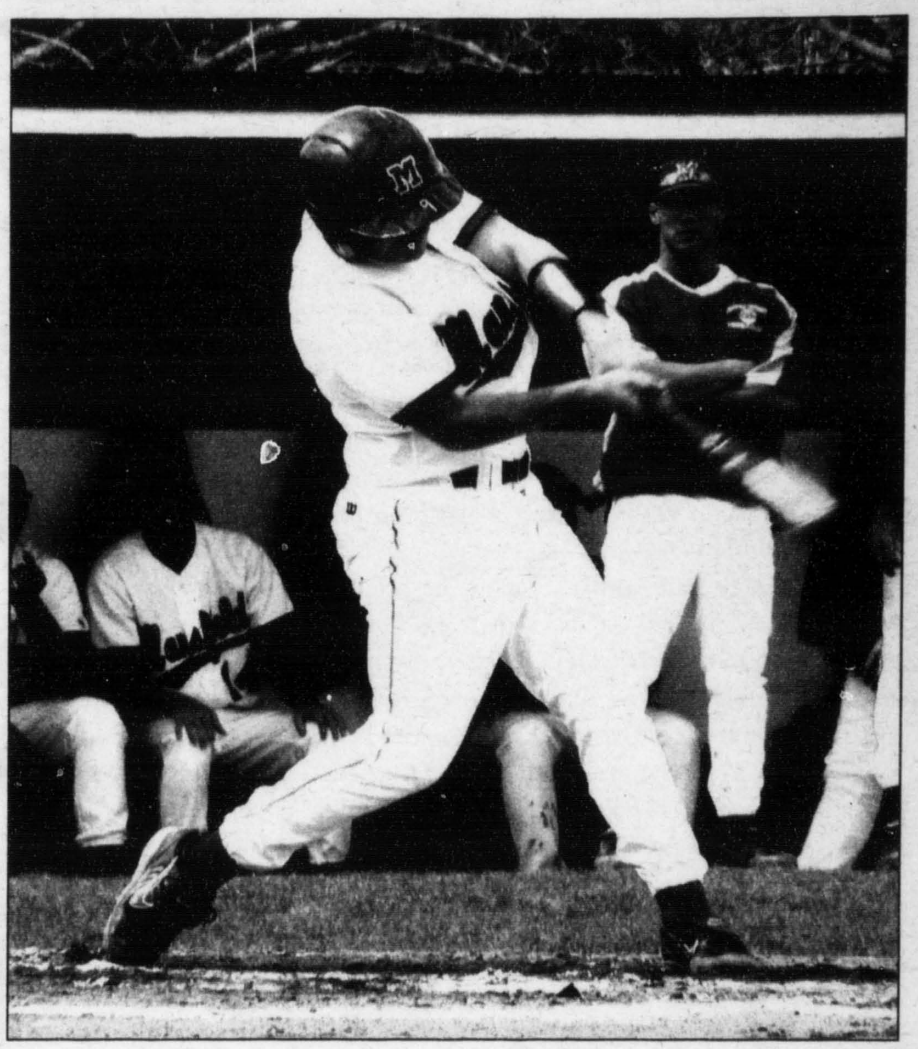


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With the bases loaded and one out in the bottom of the eighth, Tony Battisti hit an RBI single past the third baseman to give Mansfield the 5-4 win over Bloomsburg in the opener of their final home doubleheader.

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Ryan Detwiler breaks school high jump record and qualifies for national championships

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Ryan Detwiler of the men's track and field team broke the school record in the high jump while earning himself a provisional qualifying spot in the Division II National Championships.

The previous record holder of the high jump was Randy Abrams who set the record at 6-7 back in 1988.

Earlier in the year, Detwiler tied the record at Ithaca. On Sunday at the Cornell Big Red Invite, Detwiler jumped 6-9 3/4 to break the record and get his provisional spot for the National Championships.

"Being a provisional qualifier means you are put on a list to go to nationals," men's head coach Mike Rohl said. "Depending on some circumstances, they will either take the top 16 or 18 athletes."

If Detwiler jumpers higher or is in the top 16-18 athletes in the high jump, he will join Chris Cummings at the NCAA Division II National Championships in Walnut, Calif.

The Big Red Invite was not only a school record day for Detwiler, but for Erica Ferguson as well.

Ferguson broke her head coach's record in the long jump. Women's head coach Steph Cadwell set the school record in the long jump back in 2003 with a jump of 17-6 1/2. Ferguson's new record is 18-1 3/4. "Coach Cadwell is always excited when someone breaks a record," Rohl said. "She's even more excited and happy when someone breaks her own records. She encourages it."

The jump qualified Ferguson for the PSAC Championships and places her as the top jump in the conference. In addition to her PSAC qualification, Ferguson also earned a personal best in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.83.

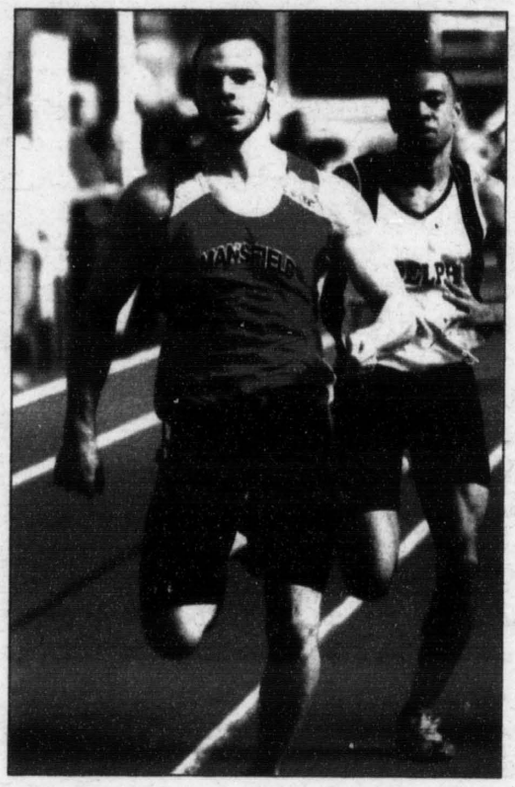


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Bryan Falcone and the sprint medley relay team broke the school record with a time of 3:30.07.

Victor Garcia won the 800 meter run with a time of 1:54.15. The time gave him a personal best in the event. Garcia now has the second best time in the 800 meter in the PSAC.

Mike Gray contributed to the day's success winning the discus with a throw of 166-9 and placing second in the shot put with a throw of 50-2 3/4.

Katrina Brumfield took third place in the high jump with a height of 5-3 1/4. Brumfield also qualified for PSAC's with a time of 26.38 in the 200 meter run.

Other qualifiers for the PSAC Championships were Brenae Edwards in the steeplechase and Blake Smith in the 800. Bryan Falcone and Bryant Rager both had a personal best in the 400 and triple jump respectively.

Earlier in the week, at the Penn Relays, the sprint medley team of Garcia, Joe Eck, Falcone and Dave Sanford broke the school record with a time of 3:30.07. The team finished in second place in the heat and twenty-fourth overall.

Cummings bested himself in the 5K run after breaking his own school record with a time of 14:15.63.

Anine Stanley finished in sixth place in the 5K racewalk with a time of 26:09.88. Stanely beat her personal best time by three minutes. Chelsea Conway finished in fifth place in the junior 5K racewalk with a time of 27:09.45. The junior racewalk is a competition for those who are under the age of 18.

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